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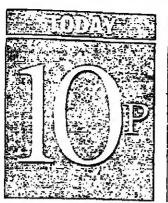
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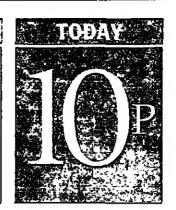


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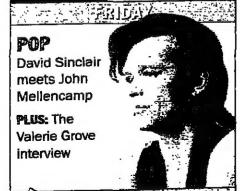
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Clarke's EMU gibe reopens Tory split

By Andrew Pierce and Arthur Leathley

KENNETH CLARKE reignited the Tory row over Europe yester-day when he said that it would be pathetic if Britain delayed signing up to a single currency and then decided later that it wanted to join after all.

The Chancellor expected six or eight countries to set up a common currency on target in 1999 and he suggested that if Britain was not among them, it would have lost the opportunity

But his remarks, at the end of an EU meeting on the issue in Dublin, infuriated Conservative Euro-sceptics who accused him of breaching collective Cabinet responsibility on the matter, since the Government's policy sets no timescale for a decision.

Mr Clarke rejected the notion that the 1999 timetable would be too early for Britain, although he said that he might advocate staying out of the currency if it was not in the national economic interest to join. Britain should exercise its right to decide at the last possible moment — about 12 months before the other players were going ahead — he told BBC Radio's The World This Weekend programme.

Asked about the prospect of France and Germany going ahead without Britain, he replied: "I hope that doesn't happen. That would be the worst policy of all, of the British doing their traditional business of not being able to make their minds up and then joining late. That

would be pathetic -- though we have done once or twice before on European matters."

Mr Clarke also supported the Tory elder statesmen, including Sir Edward Heath, Lord Howe and Douglas Hurd, who last week warned the Prime Minister against drifting to the right on Europe. He said he understood their feelings because every time he went to a European meeting everything I do is accompanied by quotations from the usual rent-a-quote Euro-sceptic MPs saying we should change our policy".

Eurosceptic Conservatives immediately hit back, however. John Redwood accused Mr Clarke of "trying to change policy on the airwaves" and other MPs privately agreed with Lord Tebbit's suggestion that the Prime Minister should consider replacing the Chancellor if that was the only way the Cabinet could rule out membership before the general election.

Mr Redwood said: "I have never heard such a senior member of the Government depart so far from an agreed collective cabinet position. The Govern-ment's position is clear: to make up its mind when the time is right. Here the Chancellor is making clear we have to decide with the first wave — which is not government policy.

"He has never gone this far before. The Chancellor has moved a long way from what the Continued on page 2, col 4

MP calls for excommunication of a 'Judas' priest



Roderick Wright and Kathleen MacPhee before they fled from their Kendal hideaway

Wright to keep his title of bishop

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Roman Catholic church admitted last night that the runaway bishop Roderick Wright is likely to remain a titular bishop despite his betrayal of his church and family. A church insider disclosed that the bishop's clerical status remains unaffected, although he will received no pay or pension from the

Ann Widdecombe, the Conservative MP who recently converted to Catholicism, yesterday called for Bishop Wright to be excommunicated. But the Pope

has no power to do that. Despite being condemned as a "consummate liar" and a "Judas" for betraying his former lover and son, and compounding his error by selling his story to the News of the World, Bishop Wright has not broken the necessary church laws. Once ordained, his episcopal orders remain valid for life, like those of any bishop.

Bishop Wright, 56, fled from the Lake District holiday home where he had sought refuge with Kathleen MacPhee, 41, a divorced mother of three children. early yesterday. The couple were still believed to be accompanied by reporters from the tabloid

newspaper.
The bishop's brother, Donald John Wright, from Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, was visibly distressed and ashamed at the bishop's decision to sell his story. 'I am absolutely and utterly

disgusted," he said. Cardinal Thomas Winning. leader of Scotland's 750,000 Cath-olics, was said to be "too exhausted" by his "nightmare" week to make any statement about the latest development. But a spokesman, Father Noel Barry, labelled Continued on page 3. col 1

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

Thatcher 'had Alf Garnett view on danger of German character'

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

BARONESS THATCHER is said today by a former policy adviser to have held views on Germany in the last year of her premiership which were little different from

those of Alf Garnett. In the first detailed diary of the infamous Chequers meeting on the German character in March 1990, George Urban says that he feared the Prime Minister had become so isolated in her opinions that it was only a matter of time before her leadership was threatened.

In his book, Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher, which is being serialised in The Times, he describes how his early admiration turned to despair. When he met her at Chequers in 1981 he was struck by her charm and "consid-

Lib Dems deny

Labour links

THE Liberal Democrat leadership

was attempting last night to pre-

vent the party's annual conference

from being overshadowed by inter-

nal splits over links with Labour.

Paddy Ashdown and senior col-

leagues moved swiftly to dampen

speculation that the party was

preparing closer ties with Labour

after Alex Carlile, the home affairs

spokesman, said that growing

consensus could even lead to a

As activists gathered in Brighton

erable learning". But by December 1989 he encountered a more striwoman, especially on Germany, which she has accused since she left office of trying to

dominate Europe. At a lunch for the directors of the Centre for Policy Studies, Mrs Thatcher expressed her concern at German reunification. She was appalled when David Willetts, the centre's director and now a government minister, declared support for it. "It was clear she was hostile to the whole idea on the grounds of old-fashioned nationalism. She felt she was among friends and could let her hair down. I was amazed to hear her uttering views about people and countries, especially Germany, which were not all that

different from the Alf Garnett

Moscow: President Yeltsin's life

and the fate of his reforms hung in

the balance yesterday as doctors

debated whether the Russian lead-

er was fit enough to undergo his planned multiple bypass surgery

As a mood of uncertainty swept

the nation. Renat Akchurin, the

doctor designated to perform the

open-heart surgery, said that the

operation probably would be post-

poned for up to two months

because of Mr Yeltsin's frailty. "If

the risks are high, no one will want

to take the chance," he said. The

surgeon made his remarks after

his disclosure on Friday that the

Conference reports, page 8 his disclosure on Friday that the Riddell on Monday, page 20 President had suffered a third

(Richard Beeston writes).

version of history," Mr Urban Chequers meeting on

March 25, 1990, which was attended by Douglas Hurd, then Foreign Secretary, the historians Gordon Craig and Fritz Stern, and Lord Dacre of Glanton, Norman Stone, and the journalist Timothy Garton Ash, confirmed his worst fears.

At the outset she made no secret of the fact that she believed Germany was historically a dangerous power, not least because of the "unreliability" of the German character. However, it became clear that she was isolated in her views. In his bones, the Foreign Secretary was on our side."

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heart attack in late June or early

July, between the two rounds of the

can television network ABC: "Can

you imagine what would happen if

he told everyone he has had a heart

attack and he is unable to work?"

Dr Akchurin asked the Ameri-

presidential election.

Esther Rantzen defends herself

Esther Rantzen has told BBC executives that her career has been jeopardised by John Ware, the Panorama journalist who wrote a newspaper article criticising her

Ms Rantzen has sent a ten-page confidential memorandum to John Birt, the Director-General, and others accusing Mr Ware of break-ing his contract by denouncing her

Greece votes

Early returns in Greece's national elections appeared to confirm a lead for the ruling Socialist party. Supporters of Prime Minister Costas Simitis gathered outside his party headquarters, cheering and tossing red roses at him. Independent projections showed at least four smaller parties seemed assured of winning seats in the parliament



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Mr Yeltsin, 65, would not accept the idea of cancelling the bypass surgery aimed at improving the blood supply to his heart because it would sharply limit his physical A final decision on whether and when the President will undergo surgery is expected to be taken in

In another interview he said that



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Hanratty inquiry did not interview key witnesses



Hanratty: last man to

A SCOTLAND Yard inquiry concluded that James Hanratty, the last man to be hanged in Britain, was wrongly convicted, even though two important witnesses in the case were not

Hanratty was executed in 1962 at the age of 25 for what became known as the A6 murder at Deadman's Hill in Bedfordshire, but doubts about his conviction played a significant part in MPs' voting to abolish capital punish-

The Home Office yesterday con-firmed that it was in contact with Hanratty's family's lawyers about the report, and that any application they might make for the case to be reopened would be given consideration. The report, prepared by Detective

Superintendent Roger Matthews, one of the Yard's most experienced investigators, took 18 months to complete and was presented two months ago but has still not been seen by Michael Howard. the Home Secretary. It remains with C3, the Home Office department set up to deal with miscarriages of justice. The report, based on a re-examination of the piles of evidence in the case, concludes that whoever killed Michael Gregsten, a 36-year-old research scientist, and shot and raped his 22-year-old mistress. Valerie Storie, leaving her their relationship.

The prosecution case against Hanratty took no account of the possibility that others were involved in the murder beside the neatly dressed gunman with "staring eyes" who waylaid the couple in their Morris Minor at their habitual meeting place, a comfield near Maidenhead, Berkshire, forced them to drive 60 miles to a lay-by on the A6, and then shot them.

Janet Gregsten, who knew about her husband's love affair with Miss Storie, died in Jauary last year, immediately after giving an interview to Paul Foot. author of Who killed Hanratty?. a

book arguing Hanratty's innocence which suggested that she and her family might have hired someone to separate Mr Gregsten from his mistress. In the interview Mrs Gregsten for the first time said she was no longer convinced of Hanratty's guilt and thought that the police's original suspect in the case, a door-to-door salesman called Peter Alphon, was

more likely to have been involved.

Mrs Gregsten also revealed that she had had an affair with her brother-inlaw. William Ewer, an antiques dealer now living in retirement in Golders Green, northwest London. Neither Mr Alphon nor Mr Ewer was interviewed in connection with the inquiry.

Tourist is raped by youths beside canal

STREET OF STREET

An Austrian tourist on a weekend shopping trip to London was raped by a gang of six teenagers as she walked from her hotel in King's Cross. The youths, aged between 14 and 20, threw her into a canal when she said that she could not swim. The 32-year-old woman, who is married with two children, was followed and dragged on to the towpath of the Regent's Park canal where she was stripped naked. seriously sexually assaulted and raped during a 90-minute ordeal. She managed to swim to the opposite bank and to

The gang, four of whom are of Afro-Caribbean origin. stole her leather jacket and £50. The victim was treated for cuts, bruises and severe shock by ambulance crew and has been counselled over the weekend by specially trained police officers. She was due to fly back home yesterday.

Union ploy 'backfires'

A trade union attempt to embarrass Tony Blair by cutting off his financial sponsorship appeared last night to have backfired. MPs on the modernising wing of the Labour Party said the Transport and General Workers Union had played into the leader's hands by withdrawing sponsorship for Mr Blair and 29 Labour MPs including Gordon Brown and Harriet Harman. The decision to halt the funding was made in protest at the reduction of the trade union influence.

Terrorists to go home

Three IRA terrorists are to be transferred from jails in England to serve their sentences in the Irish Republic. The men are expected to be moved to the Republic in the next ten days. The three are Michael O'Brien from Dublin serving 18 years, Derek Doherty, 23, and Paraic MacFhloinn, 42. Doherty was jailed for 25 years in October 1994 for conspiracy to cause explosions following a bombing campaign in London in which 12 devices were planted.

Prisoners reoffend

A study of 77 of the 541 prisoners released early from jail last A study of 77 of the 541 prisoners released early from jail last month has found that almost one third have reoffended, been arrested or breached their parole. The early releases were rushed through after a change in Prison Service guidelines governing length of sentence in relation to time spent on remand in custody before conviction. The changes were later scrapped by the Home Secretary. Among those freed were sex offenders, violent criminals and drug addicts.

Benefits staff strike

Work at Benefits Agency offices will be severely disrupted by strike action today when thousands of staff walk out in a dispute over security. The action is part of a campaign by the Civil and Public Services Association to have security screens installed in jobcentres in time for the introduction of the new jobseeker's allowance next month. Staff fear this will lead to an increase in violence because of the unpopularity of the allowance. Further action is planned for October 7.

Meningitis warning

People of all ages have been warned to watch out for the symptoms of a deadly strain of meningitis that does not affect only children. The National Meningitis Trust, whose annual awareness week starts today, said cases of the most lethal strain were increasing. The symptoms include vomiting, severe headaches and a stiffness in the neck. Sufferers may also develop an aversion for bright lights. drowsiness, lethargy, joint pains or fits.

Teachers watch weight

Concern over the workload on teachers takes on a new dimension today with a classroom union instructing its members not to lift anything heavy. The 150,000-strong Association of Teachers and Lecturers is recommending staff to carefully consider the weight of books and minor equipment and never to move pianos, filing cabinets or cupboards. The union says such jobs are the responsibility of janitors or contract staff.

New low pay body will be permanent commission

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND ANDREW PIERCE

LABOUR's proposed Low Pay Commission, on which business leaders will sit to help to set a national minimum wage, will be established as a permanent body to oversee its enforcement

Tony Blair is resisting calls to make the commission a more wide-ranging body dealing with employment issues other than a minimum wage but he is determined to make the commission a central part of the annual economic cycle under a Labour government.

Mr Blair, who is under pressure from trade union leaders to set a £4.26 hourly rate as part of a General Election manifesto commitment, is also coming under pressure from some Labour MPs to fix a 50 pence high rate of income tax.

Several Shadow Cabinet ministers are pressing the case but the Labour leadership insisted last night that there was no chance of changing the party's tough line on taxation. Only last week the party leadership decided against a cut-off point for receipt of Labour's proposed replacement for child benefit at E100,000...

A Labour source said last night: "Some people in the party would like a higher rate of taxation but it has been made abundantly clear it is not going to happen. None of our spending plans involve any increases in taxation."

Mr Blair is studying detailed proposals on the size and operation of a Low Pay Commission (LPC) which will make a recommendation on one of the most sensitive policy

areas facing a new Labour government. The Commission will start work within days of

The remit of the Commission will be wider than originally envisaged. Proposals under consideration include recommending a training rate allowance for people aged 16-18 who will not be covered by the minimum wage. The Commission would also conduct periodic reviews of the minimum wage to ensure that it is regarded as a long-term feature of the jobs market under a Labour government

It would be empowered to consider matters referred to it by ministers and have the responsibility to oversee and monitor enforcement mechanisms for a national minimum wage. The Commission would make formal reports to Parliament on its work which would also include publicising the minimum wage. It will also also cover homeworkers and family members working for family firms.

Membership would be drawn from employers' and employees' and organisations such as the Confederation of British Industry. Work would begin soon after the election of a Labour government. The commission would have statutory standing.

☐ Harrier Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, will today write to the leaders of Britain's trade unions to seek their support against a Barbara Castle's motion at the Labour Party conference to restore the link between average earnings and the state pension.



Peter de Savary has announced he will fight Sebastian Coe for the Falmouth and Camborne seat

Goldsmith wins year-long fight for party political broadcast

POLITICAL

SIR James Goldsmith has won a year-long fight against the three main political parties over the right of the Referendum Party to give a party political broadcast during the general election campaign.

The financier, bouyed by his victory, has appointed an advertising agency to mastermind a campaign right up to the election. Banks, Hoggins and O'Shea, which which dreamt up the Tell Sid" campaign for the sale of British Gas, will begin work this week on ideas for a fiveminute party political broad-

paign and a leaflet drive. The Tories, who fear the Referendum Party could cost them up to 20 seats, will be dismayed that Sir James has won the right to such prime time television and radio

But the Committee on Party Political Broadcasting, after taking legal advice, dropped plans to introduce a requirement for "proven electoral support" before any party could have a political

broadcast. The authorities have agreed to abide by the rules of the last election which will enable any party which fields more than 50 candidates to have at least

instructed the agency to produce a slick campaign. He has pledged to spend £20 million "or whatever it takes" to match the millions the Tories are spending on the "New Labour, new danger"

The Referendum Party had mounted a legal challenge to the Committee on Party Political Broadcasting, members include the Chief Whips of the three main parties and officials from the BBC and ITN.

The breakthrough on the broadcast was timely. Last week the Referendum Party was embarrassed by the leak dates were "too old and too few" to fight a proper election

At the weekend the party announced it had captured another high profile candidate. Peter de Savary, the businessman and former America's Cup challenger, will fight Sebastian Coe, the double Olympic gold medalin Falmouth and Camborne. Mr de Savary, 53, who owns a shipyard in Cornwall, and has strong local links with the area, will be fighting to overturn Mr Coe's slender 3,000 majority.

Conservative Central Office will be dismayed by the triumph for Sir James.

Tories want curbs on the power of Court of Justice

By A STAFF REPORTER

LEADING Tories are demanding action to restrict the powers of the "remote, meddlesome and biased European Court of Justice which, they claim, is acting more like a parliament in headlong pursuit of Euro-integration.

At the same time, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, pledged that Britain would propose measures to ensure that the court did not stray beyond its role amid concern that it was adopting its own political agenda. Mr Howard expressed the

Government's own concern that the court was making Spanish fishermen prevented - in a new document pubcomprises Conservative MPs and other politicians and lawyers from across the EU.

judgments beyond its remit — particularly the ruling that Britain must compensate from fishing Britain's quota lished by the European Research Group. The group

Mr Howard who warned that trying to follow the federal route in Europe would result in a "political earthquake", said that the European Court of Justice existed

to ensure that member states

played by the rules. We need to ensure the Court operates within the remit given to it by the member states. There is growing concern that the Court is increasing its competence and adopting its own political

Sir Michael Spicer, chairman of the group, said: "The Court is acting less like a court than a parliament, making new laws in its headlong pursuit of European integration. A number of recent judgments have made this Court seem remote."

Single currency

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Opposition parties meanwhile sought to capitalise on the row. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said: The Tories are at war again. They are irrevocably split. This is damaging Britain's interests in Europe." And Alan Beith of the Liberal Democrats said Mr Clarke was being forced into a corner by those whose policies "can only lead to Britain backing out of

Europe altogether". Paddy Ashdown, however, accused both Tories and Labour of a "conspiracy of deceit", saying a decision on a single currency would have to be made a few weeks after the

general election, but neither party was willing to campaign on the issue because both

feared internal splits. In his radio interview, Mr Clarke said that the finance ministers meeting in Dublin had believed that they were in the last two, three or four years of producing economic and monetary union in the centre of Europe.

He would not be in favour of joining if it was not being done properly, but Britain's future was immersed with other EU states since the economy per-formed better when the German. French and Italian economies were booming. "If they go ahead and form a Euro-zone, it matters an awful lot to us."

Government braces for new human rights ruling

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is preparing for the prospect of a fresh adverse ruling in the European Court of Human Rights this week over its treatment of

The Strasbourg court is to give its decision in a test case over Britain's planning laws which the European Commission on Human Rights has already ruled are a violiation of the gypsies' right to enjoy their traditional way of life. Some 50 cases are in the pipeline awaiting the outcome of the Strasbourg challenge. caravans on the site she has the first gypsy case ever to go to the European Court.

It has been brought by June Buckley, a single mother of three, over her attempt to obtain permission to live in a caravan on land she owns on the outskirts of Willingham, Cambridgeshire. If she wins, the case would have wide ramifications for the 350,000strong gypsy population which has in recent years faced increasingly restrictive

laws on where they can reside. Mrs Buckley's attempt to gain planning permission for her family to live in three

owned since 1988 was turned down by South Cambridge-shire District Council in 1991. Before that she had no fixed

She was prosecuted and fined for living there: but since the lodging of the court case. the council has taken no further action. In February 1992 she took her case to the European Commission on Human Rights — the first hurdle in bringing a challenge - and this found in her favour by seven to five, ruling that the council had violated her right to a family life.

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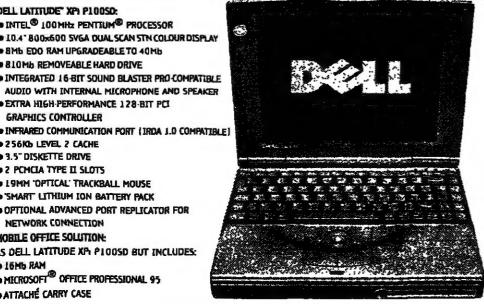
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In runaway bishop's cathedral, quiet words of sorrow; at his hideaway, a melee

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Church condemns the 'Judas' who took press silver

ALTAR candles refused to light, despite repeated attempts, at yesterday's gam Mass at the cathedral where Wright had been based. The priest, Father Sean MacAulay, said that the "bizarre" incident had distracted him because in the past the Roman Catholic rite of excommunication involved extinguishing candles.

ed by Canal

The mood at St Columba's Cathedral, Oban, was one of shock and disgust as churchgoers struggled to contain their anger at the former bishop's treachery. Words of condemnation were expressed by parishioners and priests

Some 60 people turned up for Mass on the morning that his story appeared in the News by Father MacAulay: "Like added. The News of the World

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Bishop Wright a consum-

in Scotland defended their

decision to keep quiet about

the bishop's 15-year-old son -

living with his mother in

Polegate, East Sussex - say-

ing the runaway seemed to be

"at the end of his tether" and

they feared "because of the

pressure he was under he

might take the final way out".

Cardinal Winning and Archbishop Keith O'Brien

learnt of the boy nine days ago

when they met Bishop Wright

Earlier yesterday, Father

Sean MacAuley, addressing

about 60 people at Mass in St

Columba's Cathedral, Oban

- the cathedral he abandoned

- likened Mr Wright to Judas.

"Like Christ was betrayed by

someone in his group for 30

pieces of silver, perhaps we

feel similarly betrayed at this

Catholic Church ,. leaders

moment in time." he said.

to discuss his resignation.

Last night Church leaders

Bishop keeps title

Christ was betrayed by someone in his group for 30 pieces of silver, perhaps we feel similarly betrayed at this moment in time.

"Christ was betrayed by Judas, but Peter also denied him. The difference was that Peter repented." The Rev Roudy Johnston, the cathedrai's deacon, said that he heard at least one parishioner refer to the former bishop as

Mr Wright's decision to sell his story was the final blow for his flock. Father MacAulay said he was certain that a sixfigure sum was involved because reporters had asked him to pass on offers starting at £220,000. In the past Bishop Wright had spoken against chequebook journalism, he

the Church. But it seems they are powerless to prevent Bish-

titular bishopric.

Wright being given a

Mgr Kieran Conry, director

of the Catholic Media Office in

London, said: "Once ordained

a bishop you remain a bishop

for life, but you cannot be

bishop of nowhere. So the

church gives someone in this

position a nominal title of a

dicoese which no longer

If Bishop Wright married he be suspended automatically

from his office as priest, but

that could be reversed if he

repented. If he persisted, the

church could take steps to

have him barred from the

clerical state. Even then he

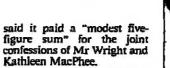
would retain his titular

we can heal."

Mrs MacPhee's family in Fort William refused to com-ment on the News of the World revelations or the fact that her three children were allegedly to benefit from the money.

spokesman for Cardinal Thomas Winning, head of Scottish Catholicism, said that Mr Wright had had effectively excommunicated himself. 'Although he has expressed his wish to remain a Catholic, the reality is that he has cut himself off from the Church. Excommunication is a legal word, but the man has effect-

bishopric. Excommunication is extremely rare and solely to do with matters of doctrine and faith. The last, in France in 1988, involved the ultra-traditionalist Archbishop Marcel tioning as a priest." Léfébvre. His crime was to



Father MacAulay said that the mood toward Mr Wright had changed over the past week, particularly when it emerged that he had fathered a son, Kevin Whibley, now 15, whom he had failed to

Frances Shand Kydd, the mother of Diana, Princess of Wales was among 350 people at yesterday's second Mass at St Columba's. She said: "I'm here loday to support the Catholic Church and all the priests, especially those in Argyll and the Isles." She made no reply when asked if she still supported Mr Wright.

Father Tom Connelly, spokesman for the Catholic Church in Scotland, said that he was devastated. Roddy Wright had not been in touch. "Our faith has been severely tried and tested, but we believe in the power of Christ to heal the wounds of sin and division. We must forgive so that

Father Noel Barry, the

ively done that himself.

Nobody is beyond redemption, but Roddy Wright has displayed no signs that he is repentant, quite the contrary in fact. The current situation is that he has resigned as hishop and is suspended from func-



Outside Oban cathedral yesterday: "We feel betrayed," Father MacAulay told reporters; Mrs Shand Kydd arrived "to support all priests"

Fugitives take off through the allotment

By KATE ALDERSON

UNDER cover of darkness and accompanied by News of the World reporters, Roderick Wright and Kathleen MacPhee fled their hideaway in the Lake District in the early hours of yesterday morning by running through an allotment.

The former Bishop of Argyll and the Isles and Mrs MacPhee, with whom he ran away two weeks ago, had been lying low for ten days in a £70-a-week rented holiday home in Kendal until the tabloid press learnt of their secret refuge. The couple, settling into what they optimistically thought would be their quiet shelter from the storm outside, moved a mattress into the house and went on occasional trips to

Mr Wright, always seen by neighbours wearing sunglasses, went out jogging and on one occasion Mrs MacPhee collapsed in hysterical laughter in the garden as the couple struggled to haul their mattress into

By Saturday lunchtime their cover had been blown and, besieged by rival media organisations, the couple struck an exclusive deal to sell their story to the News of the World. For the next 24 hours the small terrace, Mountain View, became a venue for intense media scrutiny and, at times, high

William Rees-Mogg, page 20 busy crossroads and opposite a news- case, she was Donald Duck. The mnorning, the terrace appeared emp-

agent's shop, the curtains were drawn and News of the World journalists were let into the sparsely furnished house by an unseen person. Within hours, the Bishop's story was being filed to London with pictures as word spread among national newspapers of their whereabouts and the media gathered outside.

The News of the World staff went out late on Saturday night to buy a takeaway for the couple and the lights inside the house went out at 1.30am on Sunday. At around 4am the Bishop and Mrs MacPhee were smuggled out of the house through the back garden's rocky allotment.

The escape route, from the kitchen door, was unlit, steep and winding and probably took the fleeing party across an overgrown field where getaway cars awaited.

At around the same time, a middleaged man and an apparently drunk young woman wearing a mini-skirt pulled up outside the terrace in a taxi. They staggered up the long garden to the couple's front door, knocked and, when they received no reply, loudly knocked on the neighbouring door. The man proclaimed loudly that his companion was Mr Wright's

Emily Mitchell, a pensioner, apswered the door and politely told the



The house in Kendal where the couple had taken refuge

couple then wobbled back down the garden before the young woman, in her 20s, fell over, baring her bottom and underwear to the assembled photographers.

Speculation was intensifying yesterday that the drunken couple's visit may have been a decoy to allow Mr Wright and Mrs MacPhee to escape through the back garden while all was chaos and flashlights at the front of the house.

white sliced bread, lemonade, coffee, bananas and a bottle of whisky lay abandoned on a table at the back of the house.

Some residents of Kendal, a pretty tourist town on the edge of the Lake District, wandered past Mount View in bewilderment and stared at the tightly pulled curtains.

Half a mile away at the Holy Trinity and St George's Catholic Church, Father Christopher Loughran told his congregation not to talk to the press. One woman quoted the Bible to reporters. "Jesus said to Peter: 'Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail atgainst it."

The town experienced another Roman Catholic controversy eight years ago. Alex Walker, 4l, an assistant parish priest at the same church. resigned from the priesthood after falling in love with a former parishioner who is now his wife.

Mrs Mitchell, who realised last week that it was Mr Wright living next door, regretted the couple's secretive flit but remained good-natured about the comings and goings in Mount

She was asked by one reporter if she had seen any washing - perhaps a cassock - hanging on her neighbours' line. She said that she hoped the couple would come back. "They were church mice.'

Village priest leads congregation in prayer for betrayed son and mother

THE congregation of a tiny Roman Catholic church in an East Sussex village bowed their heads in prayer yesterday for the 15-year-old son of Roderick Wright. While Kevin Whibley and

his mother, Joanna, spent the day in their end-of-terrace council house in Polegate, the local priest denounced the former bishop for both his betrayal and desertion. Father Dermot Keaveney

addressing parishioners at St George's Church, Polegate, asked them to pray for Miss Whibley and her illegitimate son. He spoke of the shock and sorrow at Kevin having been denied his father, and sadness at Miss Whibley's suffering after broken promises that they would at last all live

They have been betrayed. the various families have been betrayed, the people of Argyll and the Isles were betrayed,



Kevin: payment for story

the Church was betrayed bishops, priests and people. The church has been hurt and bruised," he said,

Miss Whibley, 48, a part-time social worker in Halesham who has never married, was astonished that Mr Wright should tell of his forbidden love through a newspaper. Having restricted her own remarks to the BBC and having declined offers of money from newspapers to tell her story, she at first

refused to believe it. However, she read his account in the News of the World which showed that while he was pledging to leave the church and end the 15-year-old lie of denying his own son and join them in Polegate, he was also planning a new life with Kathleen MacPhee.

Mr Wright told the newspaper that their relationship was platonic but said he hoped to marry. He said: "There has been no sexual relationship between us, Kathleen insisted on that. We have never made love to each other. We have not even shared the same bed or slept together."

He said that he had realised when he accepted the post as bishop that because of Kevin he should never have agreed to accept the position. wanted to say I shouldn't do it but I didn't go through with the calls. I knew I shouldn't be

bishop because I was the father of Kevin."

It was Kevin who first suggested to his mother that Mr Wright was not going to them by last Friday. In long telephone conversa-

tions he had discussed his plans to leave the Church and say his goodbyes but never mentioned his relationship with Mrs MacPhee. Kevin and his mother did not believe it when they first heard suggestions that they had run away together but were forced to accept it after the Church in Scotland announced the bish-

op's resignation.

Kevin is angry that his father was said to have received thousands of pounds for his story and plans to give it to Mrs MacPhee's children. "If he is going to profit out of this story, our story. I'm very angry about it. If he offers to make payment to us he will not hear the end of it. It is my

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BE ACTIVE WITH OCTOBER VOGUE

Statement urged over harassment

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Chief Constable of North Yorkshire was last night under pressure to issue a statement justifying a possible El million compensation pack-age made to a Harrogate policewoman to end a sexual harassment scandal.

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor who is contesting the Conservative seat at Harrogate, said he had raised the matter with the Home Secretary and that the force had to be made accountable. "I think that unless there is a clear public statement this could do serious and lasting damage to the reputation of

Confidential medical records disclosed yesterday show that DC Libby Ashurst. 27. had been diagnosed as suffering from a depressive illness consistent with post traumatic stress disorder due to prolonged and excessive harass-

Japanese invader poised for day of the triffids

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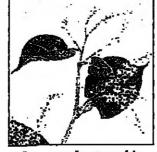
AN alien invader that can demolish concrete and strangle native flora is threatening a new onslaught on the British countryside.

Experts who said that the destructive and feared Japanese knotweed would never breed in this country have turned out to be wrong. And the new hybrids are - to the despair of gardeners across the land - likely to be even tougher and more damaging

than the parents. The plant, an alien introduced here as an ornamental last century from the Far East, was believed to be infertile in Britain because it came from a

single, female, clone. However, it has survived by growing from tiny fragments of shoot or root. And now it is

breeding and spreading. Japanese knotweed, Fallopia japonica, which in



Japanese knotweed is almost indestructible

its native countries thrives on the tough environments of fresh lava flows, has proved almost indestructible. Its infamous feats include bringing down concrete walls, cracking open paving and strangling native flowers along river banks. A cross between it and Russian vine, another introduced species and a formidaclimber, has been pinpointed in the London Borough of Haringey

In London and Surrey it has

weed, another alien import from the Far East. And in some places, such as round Cirencester, around Gloucestershire,the hybrids are now also "back-breeding" to create more bewildering

mated with the Giant knot-

strains with as yet unknown Experts fear attempts to try to control knotweed by finding a single natural pest may now be at risk as the plant adopts increasingly chameleon

But its deadly impact may be nothing compared to what it to come. Dr John Bailey, a botanist at the University of Leicester believes at least one of the hybrids may be even more barbarous than the

varieties.

A spokesman for the Environment Agency, which is spending thousands of pounds trying to find an antidote to knotweed, last night promised to focus efforts on the emerging hybrids.

Drinking alcohol 'is widespread by the age of ten'

CHILDREN as young as ten are becoming regular drinkers of alcohol, often with their parents' consent, one of the biggest and most established studies of children's health

A quarter of boys and one girl in seven aged between 10 and II told researchers they had drunk some alcohol in the week of the survey by the Schools Health Education Unit at Exeter University. By the age of 14, the majority of both sexes were drinkers.

John Balding, the unit's director, said that the growing use of alcohol was among the most serious threats to young people's health, far outweighing the use of drugs. He said drinks such as alcoholic lemonade were making the pos-

The survey, which has been carried out for 20 years and now involves almost 24,000 pupils, previously covered only secondary school pupils in its published form. But Mr Balding said high levels of drinking in the early teens had

suggested an even younger introduction to alcohol.

Most of the ten-year-olds who admitted drinking in the week of the test said they had done so on only one day, but a small proportion were indulging daily. More than a third of 12 and 13-year-olds were drinking, with the figure reaching 60 per cent two years

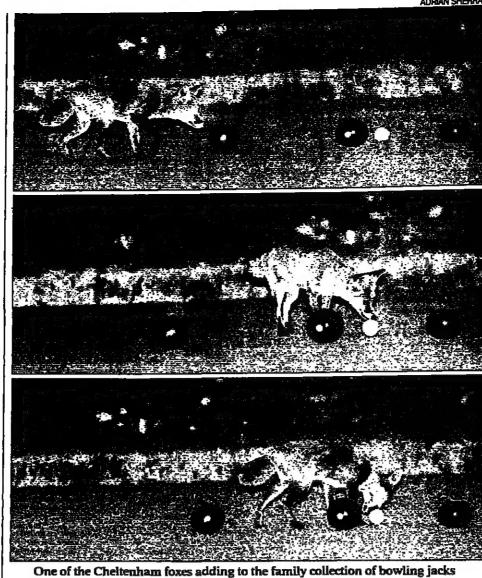
The home was the most common source of alcohol and the majority of teenagers said their parents knew that they were drinking there. Others were drinking at friends' homes, parties or discos, but few cited pubs. Mr Balding said: "It is difficult to say whether the use of alcohol by youngsters is rising by much, but it certainly is not falling."

The survey was carried out last year before alcoholic lemonade drinks were widely available. Beer or lager was the favourite choice of teenage boys, with girls preferring wine or cider. The older age groups in particular said they usually drank to get drunk.

rather than for social reasons or because of peer pressure. Few of the younger age groups had any experience of illegal drugs, although by the age of 14 or 15 almost a third of boys and a quarter of girls had experimented. Cannabis was by far the most common drug Mr Balding said the survey

generally gave a positive pic ture of young people's healthfor example, had improved considerably over the years. "My view of young people is very optimistic: they care pas-sionately about their environment, about each other and, believe it or not, about what adults think of them." he said. "They are also prepared to take risks, which is a sign of

However, half of those surveyed had spent at least two hours watching television the previous evening, and more than a third had done no homework. One girl in five considered herself unfit by the



Champion bowler caught out by ball tampering

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

FOX trots across the bowling green, sniffs the jack and makes off with it. And it's not the first time. Four of the small yellow balls used as markers have been appropriated at the Suffolk Square club in Cheltenham.

Visitors who turned up to watch the club's leading play-er, Tony Allcock, the world outoor singles champion, were surprised to see the great man sharing the limelight with the foxes. One stopped Mr Allcock in mid-bowl during the Gloucestershire triples final.

We were in the middle of our game on rink four when a fox darted onto the green, picked up the jack on rink six and made off with it," Mr Allcock said yesterday. "I believe they live across the square, in the foundations of one of the Georgian houses, and are regular visitors."

Tom Barker, 14, the club's youngest member, who was practising on the end rink during the county final, said: 'I put up a jack and bowled two woods at it, then stopped for a moment to watch what was happening in the final. When I turned back, there was a fox on the rink and it picked up the jack and ambled off. cool as a cucumber." Chasing down the rink after the fox in an unsuccessful attempt to retrieve the jack, Tom was reprimanded by the club cap-

tain for running on the green. "On a previous occasion I saw a fox on the green and rolled a jack at it, hoping to frighten it away." Tom said. Instead of being scared, the fox obviously thought it was a game, picked the jack up in its mouth and ran away with it.

The foxes can be seen regularly at the club, especially early in the morning and at dusk, but they have been known to turn up in the afternoons, when they sit on the bank and watch the

Bob Mackie, the club president, said the foxes seemed to enjoy watching the woods roll up the green. Their heads turn as they travel towards the jack and I'll swear that, if it's a poor delivery, they will turn back and give the bowler a look of disapproval. They are

He said the animals had members think they are cute. but the other half would like to get rid of them, and have come up with all sorts of ideas, most

of them illegal."
Claudio Sillero, of the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit at Oxford, said: "Foxes are attracted to things they can roll and play with. They have probably built up a cache of acks in their den.

EMEMESH SHEET **Scientists** examine hate mail

Threatening letters seized by police are being examined by researchers hoping to discover if the language used in the letters will show whether the threat will be carried out. Scientists have already exam-ined 100 letters passed on by police from cases involving vicious personal threats, extortion or terrorist threats. The letters are being compared against simulated let-

ters written by volunteers. The work, which can also tell police about the writer's personality, is being done by researchers linked to the department of pyschology at Liverpool University.

Car blaze death

Police officers could only watch helplessly as a man burnt to death after his car was engulfed by fire outside St Helens police station on Merseyside early yesterday. The 37-year-old had been reported missing by his parents the previous day.

Number culled

The owner of an abbatoir in Stockton-on-Tees, Co Durham, has removed the number plate P6 BSE from his new £50.000 Mercedes after protests from farmers. Michael Broad said that it was a family joke which had backfired.

Student stress up

Psychological disturbance among students has increased in 64 per cent of universities, according to the Association for Student Counselling. Student suicides are also said to be rising. A stress survival guide has been launched for first-year students.

Snorkeller dies

A Briton died after getting into difficulties while snorkelling off a Malaysian island. Richard Caudwell, 53, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, who was married with three children, was swimming off Tioman Island while on a two-month holiday.

Circus stampede

A man was injured as 50 people fled from a circus in Greater Manchester, fearing that an elephant was about to trample them. The panic was halted by the ringmaster who pleaded with the audience to return. The circus manager said there was no real danger.

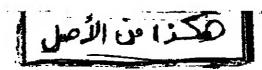
Two go into one

37, and Tony Goodridge, 49, thought they had both lost their balls after teeing off at the par-three, 160-yard twelfth hole during a contest at Milford Haven Golf Club, west Wales, to find both balls nestling in the cup.



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Rantzen denounces colleague to BBC chiefs

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

BBC executives that her career has been jeopardised by a Panorama journalist who wrote a newspaper article criticising her methods.

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Ms Rantzen has sent a tenpage confidential memorandum to John Birt, the Director-General, and others accusing John Ware of breaking his contract by attacking her in print. She says that the awardwinning investigative reporter had an "undeclared interest" in the British Home and Hospital for Incurables (BHHI). The Rantzen Report placed hidden cameras at the hospital in Streatham, southwest London, and alleged that a 28-year-old brain-damaged patient was being neglected.

Ms Rantzen says that Mr Ware failed to mention in his 3.000-word article in The Sunday Telegraph that he is a friend of the daughter of the hospital's volunteer co-ordinator. Although an inquiry into the dispute is continuing at the BBC, sources have told The Times that Mr Ware's explanation on this point has been

Ms Rantzen says that she would have asked the BBC to pay for a libel action but cannot expect it to take one of its own employees to court.

She writes in the memorandum: "I have been informed by four people, all with links to the BHHI, and by two senior BBC employees that John



Rantzen: told Birt she fears for her career

ESTHER RANTZEN has told Ware has an undeclared interest - his friendship with TV reporter Wendy Robbins. whose mother works for the BHHI as their volunteer coordinator.

The only interest Mr Ware mentioned was his friendship with another patient. He wrote: "I was also sceptical of Esther's allegation because the Home for Incurables has been a wonderful home to . . lan Smith, a former BBC Panorama colleague of mine." Ms Rantzen says that Mr

Smith's girlfriend, Jan Cholawo, rang The Rantzen Report after the article to say that Mr Ware had visited Mr Smith only once at the hospital. If he had contacted her or Mr Smith's mother before writing the article, he would have been told they were deeply concerned about his care there.

A portrait of Collins, who was shot dead in 1922.

Mr Ware, who exposed Gerry Adams's direct involvement in bomb-planting and Lady Porter's attempts to rig Westminster Council elections, accused Ms Rantzen of misleading and fundamentally untrue" claims about the hospital. Ms Rantzen complains that Mr Ware gave her no right of reply before publication, she lists II inaccuracies in his article and makes 12 detailed defences of her programme.

BBC sources said that Miss Robbins and her mother were on holiday between the broadcast of The Rantzen Report and the writing of Mr Ware's article. However, a senior figure at BBC News indicated that such an article should have been cleared before publication.

Ms Rantzen complains in her memorandum: "My past and future career with the BBC are clearly at stake." She continues in bold type: "John Ware and The Sunday Telegraph relied upon his reputation and authority as a BBC reporter working for Panoraattack me and adds: "Thus Mr Ware has put my whole television career in jeopardy."

Man caught | Dismissed digging for pilot's body to fight on

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN AVIATION enthusiast convicted two years ago of illegally recovering the body of a wartime fighter pilot is facing police investigation after being caught digging for the remains of a Polish airman from the Battle of Britain.

Mark Kirby was discovered with a mechanical excavator at the place where Stanislaw Duszynski, 24, crashed on September 11, 1940. The police, called to a farm near Lydd, in Kent, took away a bag filled with pieces of Duszynski's

Although traces of the pilor's blue uniform were found, Mr Kirby did not manage to unearth the body. A spokesman for Kent Constabulary said that proceedings under the Protection of Military Remains Act were being considered. A Ministry of Defence licence is needed to dig at wartime crash sites, but no licences are issued where sites

contain human remains.

Mr Kirby, of Tonbridge,
Kent, said that before the dig he contacted Duszynski's closest living relative, who expressed enthusiasm. "Had I found any remains I would have informed the police and then this pilot could have had a decent burial. I did not have a licence and I did not apply for one because they would never have issued it."

MI6 officer

BY MICHAEL EVANS

A FORMER M16 officer who claims that he was unfairly dismissed from the Secret Intelligence Service is considering further legal action after the Foreign Office won a High Court injunction to prevent him from talking about past

The injunction was granted last Friday by Mr Justice Newman, apparently after the Foreign Office considered that there was a risk that the unnamed MI6 officer, identified only as Mr T, might reveal operational secrets to the media.

John Wadham, the man's lawyer and also director of the civil rights organisation Liberty, will return to the High Court on Friday for a second hearing on the Foreign Office injunction. Yesterday Mr Wadham said that he had not yet decided whether to fight the injunction.

Mr T is understood to be abroad. He was dismissed from MI6 last year after doubts over his judgment and his ability to work as a good team player. There was allegedly a personality clash with his senior line manager.

Mr Wadham is to take the case to the Employment Appeals Tribunal. If that fails, he will pursue the matter to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

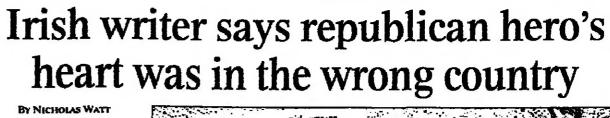
· WI jam-makers find a champion in Heseltine

THE stalwarts of the Wonten's Institute who bake cakes and bottle jams for charitable causes have caught the eye of the Government's deregula-tion taskforce (Valerie Elliott writes). They appear likely to be exempted from regulations that require them to register their kitchens with local

Michael Heseltine, the Dep-uty Prime Minister, who is leading the blitz on officialdom, is expected to champion a relaxation in the law that

cial basis to register their kitchen. The Department of Health has recently completed a consultation on the issue, over which the WI have been lobbying hard. The change is recommended by the deregulation taskforce, headed by Francis Maude, in its annual report to be published today.

Penny Annand, on behalf of WI Markets, said last night: "Each WI market has to give the names and addresses of every member who provides home-made produce for sale. With 54,000 members it is a



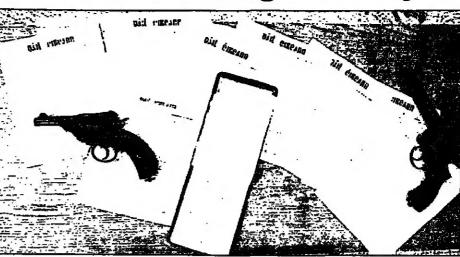
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING Irish writer who wasted ten years working on a screenplay about Michael Collins has attacked a rival film about the IRA leader for failing to mention his affair with an Englishwoman.

Eoghan Harris believes that Neil Jordan's film could have helped to fight sectarian nationalism if it had made Irish people confront the reality that one of their first leaders loved Lady Lavery, the London society hostess and wife of the painter Sir

Mr Harris, who admitted that he felt bitter after his script for Kevin Costner dis-appeared without trace when Mr Jordan made his £19 million film, said his rival had missed out key historical events and distorted others.

Mr Jordan's supporters dimiss Mr Harris's criticisms because they say he is vehe-mently anti-republican and because he has yet to see the film. However, Mr Harris, who has read the script, is supported in some of his criticisms by a former Irish prime minister. Mr Harris's



Revolvers, letters and a diary belonging to the IRA leader on show in Dublin

strongest charge is that the new film, which starts Liam Neeson in the title role, glosses over Collins's passionate relationship with Lady La-very. Collins and Lavery started an affair in London in 1921 when he was a member of the Sinn Fein delegation at the Anglo-Irish negotiations with the Lloyd George Gov-ernment which led to partition of Ireland. Their affair

became so intense that she

had to be dissuaded from

wearing widow's weeds when Collins was shot dead by republican opponents in Co

Cork in August 1922. Mr Jordan's film concentrates instead on Collins's relationship with Kitty Kiernan, played by Julia Robmained in Ireland during the treaty negotiations. Mr Har-ris said: "Wouldn't a movie be less likely to produce narrow nationalists by telling us that it was Hazel's letters

and not Kitty's letters that were found on his body?" Garret Fitzgerald, the former Irish prime minister, shares some of Mr Harris's criticisms of the omissions in the film, including a failure to show the 1918 general election, but believes that as a whole it is "a triumph" and a

"deeply moving experience".

Mr Jordan has strongly defended his film, Michael Collins, against charges that it glorifies terrorism.

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Health managers ban general surgeons from breast operations

banned surgeons who fail to follow its guidelines on breast cancer from treating patients

In what is believed to be the first move of its kind. Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster Health Authority has said it patients treated at St Mary's Hospital in west London by any surgeon who fails to follow the protocol set out in its contract. This says that

A HEALTH authority has breast cancer surgery should be carried out by specialist surgeons providing particular treatments and that patients should be seen in a "one-stop" clinic so they do not have to wait for results. A check carried out last year showed that the protocol was not being followed in every case, so the health authority tightened the contract from last April.

Keith Ford, director of commissioning, said: "We have said we would not wish our

Hospitals accused of exaggerating expertise to win patients Women 'misled' on cancer care

agers are now interfering too

far in clinical care. Geoffrey

Glazer, a general surgeon at St

Mary's, who sees breast can-

patients to be treated by anyone who is not prepared to work to the breast cancer protocols. My job is to ensure the contracts reinforce good

Although the protocol is in

longer treats new ones on the NHS, said: "I don't totally disagree with the trend to concentrate the work of breast surgeons. What I think is inappropriate is having a health authority telling you that you can do this or you How The Times reported last week's cancer care survey can't do that. They are trying line with guidance issued by to dictate in all sorts of areas. the Health Department, some surgeons say that health man-

The drive to improve breast cancer care, which claims 13,000 lives a year in Britain. was launched by the Govern-ment last year with the publication of a national policy

aimed at giving every patient access to the highest standard of care. Studies in England and Scotland have shown that treatment in a specialist unit can improve women's survival chances by up to 9 per cent five years after diagnosis and 7 per cent after ten years.

However, a survey of the 220 hospitals providing spe-cialist treatment for breast cancer, published last week by the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, found that one in four surgeons who do the work do not see enough cases to gain

the necessary expertise. Rich-ard Sainsbury, consultant sur-geon at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and a member of the steering group that conducted the survey, said the contract drawn up by Ken-sington, Chelsea and Westminster was a sign that managers were determined to raise standards. Contracts will tend to be used where purchasers can't get agreement. There is a problem for some surgeons who have done the work all their lives." Margaret Ghilchik, director

said that the general surgeons at the hospital now referred breast patients to her and to her fellow specialist. Allan Spigelman. "They realise we do it better." she said. "The gung ho attitude of the past, when you had surgeons saying That's a juicy one, I'll have a go.' has gone."

A spokesman for St Mary's said: "There is no surgeon here who does not meet the protocols laid down by Kensington, Chelsea and West-

Woman challenges hospital's right to impose Caesarean

A WOMAN is to take pioneering legal action after being forced by a hospital's court order to have a Caesarean section against her wishes. The woman, who has not

been named, intends to test the legality of the ruling in an attempt to seek compensation and prevent other women going through the same ordeal. In a separate action, the Association for Improvement in Maternity Services (Aims) is planning to mount a similar

Both are being represented by Barbara Hewson, a barrister who offered to give free legal advice and representation when it emerged last week that a High Court judge had authorised doctors to carry out Caesareans against the mother's will in two other cases. The rulings were criticised by medical and legal bodies after they appeared to give courts much wider powers to impose surgery without a patient's consent. The patients in both cases were unrepresented in court.

Beverley Beech of Aims said: "We are horrified at the way in which women have

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been denied their legal rights and forced into accepting this treatment despite vigorous protests. This will merely encourage more women to avoid antenatal care - some already do this in order to ensure a home birth."

Court powers to sanction surgery have traditionally been limited to cases where the patient is mentally ill or unconscious. Last week it was thought that Mr Justice Johnson was breaking new ground after overruling two women who did not want Caesareans when doctors said they were at risk of rupturing their wombs. putting their lives and that of their babies in danger.

Now that a further case has emerged. lawyers believe many more women have undergone forced Caesareans after secret emergency court source said: "We now know of five family division judges who have done this and there may be many more."

It is unclear on what grounds the rulings will be challenged. The source added: "There is a theory that these

orders are worthless because the women are never represented in court. They are often done in a very sneaky way and presented as a fait accompli to the woman while she is in labour. The other option is that the woman can assert that she was wrongly imprisoned."

In one of the cases to emerge last week, Rochdale Healthcare Trust applied for a court order after a woman refused a Caesarean because she had suffered painful after-effects from such an operation before. She had said: "I would rather than have a Caesarean again." The judge said: "I concluded that a patient who could speak in terms which seemed to accept the inevitability of her own death was not a patient who was able properto weigh up

considerations. The second case involved a woman in labour after a car accident. The judge ruled that "reasonable force" was permitted in authorising surgery because she was incapable of weighing up the considerations involved. A psychiatrist said she was not suffering a mental disorder.



Margaret Harper with a picture of her daughter, Sharon Tabarn, who died after being hypnotised on stage

Call for curbs on stage hypnotists

By Adam Fresco

A SOLICITOR representing families who claim to be victims of stage hypnotists has predicted further fatalities unless restrictions are introduced.

Martin Smith has lodged an application for a fresh inquest after a verdict of death by natural causes on a woman who died only hours after being hypnotised to believe that she was receiving a 10,000-volt electric shock. A pathologist said that the victim, Sharon Tabarn, 24, a mother of two, died of a fit. Mr Smith said: "I have

seen first-hand the damage hypnosis can cause. I have lodged an application with the Attorney-General to order a fresh inquiry on Sharon Tabarn, who had no history of epilepsy. My fear is that if something is not done, there

could be further deaths." He is representing Mrs Tabarn's mother, Margaret Harper, from Preston, Lanca-shire, who said the hypnotist did not know that her daughter had a phobia of electricity. Mrs Harper, a founder of the Campaign Against Stage Hypnosis, said: "I believe that telling her she would be getting 10,000 volts of electricity was the worst thing he could do. I feel it triggered something inside her that frightened her and caused her

Mr Smith is also representing Lynne Howarth, 36, who is suing the hypnotist Philip Green for causing psychiatric damage and leading her to attempt suicide twice.

Mrs Howarth, a mother of seven from Bolton, Greater Manchester, was also told by Mr Green, whose stage name is Philip Damon, to pretend that she would be brought out of her trance by a 10,000-volt shock. Friends at the show said that she looked bewildered when she came to and her husband was so worried that he asked the hypnotist to try again to bring her out of the trance. In documents lodged last week at Blackburn County Court, she is claiming lamages for mental suffering and loss of earnings after her husband took six months off work to look after her.

Mrs Howarth, who finally recovered from the incident in 1994 with help from a hypnotherapist, said: "For six months I didn't even go out of the house and tried to commit suicide on a couple of occasions. I became very abusive towards my children. I just wasn't myself. It makes me very angry that these people can get away with this."

Smartest patients 'get the best care'

By JEREMY LAURANCE

THE way patients dress affects the way they are treated and could even determine their chances of survival, a doctor has claimed.

Middle-class patients benefit most from the NHS, with longer consultations, more health education and quicker referrals to specialists, according to Dr Phil Hammond, of Bristol University. Donning smart clothes is the quickest route to first-class treatment.

The most extreme example is the observation that hospital staff try harder for longer to resuscitate you if you have your cardiac arrest while wearing a suit rather than split jeans," he said. "If you look like a potential litigant, or a friend of the consultant, you get the works." But Dr Hammond, a lecturer in general practice, said that he had no hard evidence to support his view, which was based on

anecdotal observation. The British Medical Association dismissed the claim that smart clothes would guarantee quicker attention, but conceded that appearance could affect treatment. Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA council, said: "My experience of casualty is that patients are seen strictly in order of arrival unless there are clear reasons why they should be treated more urgently. But doctors are human. No doubt the way people are handled depends on the way they present themselves."

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Three celebrations of British skill

WHILE industrialists and poltained at the City of London's Mansion House last week, a young Arab pilot who had been flown to the capital from the Gulf in a moribund state was enjoying his first night out after being discharged from Cromwell Hospital. The next afternoon Willie Carson was sent flying by a kick in the

upper abdomen at Newbury. The pilot, Carson, the Lord Mayor of London and his guests celebrating the 21st anniversary of the Liver Research Trust now all have one interest in common: the care of the liver and the determination that Britain does not lose its pre-eminent role in international liver research.

The pilot's liver problem began when he left his cockpit for compulsory infantry train-



ing in the desert, where he developed severe heatstroke. 18-year-old trainee's sweating diminished, his temperature rose alarmingly, con-vulsions began and he lapsed into unconsciousness.

His heart, burdened beyond its capacity, failed to maintain

an adequate circulation to the liver and kidneys. As the kidneys gave up, they stopped passing urine and he devel-oped serious jaundice from liver failure. Close to death, he was flown to London for dialysis and treatment under

consultant to the research trust and to King's College and Cromwell hospitals. British expertise triumphed and on Thursday, after three weeks in hospital, he was discharged to outpatient care.

While the pilot's problems are medical, Carson's are surgical. A normal-sized liver is protected by the ribs and in many jockeys' cases by body armour. Even so, the kick of a two-year-old thoroughbred filly's back leg was enough to cause bleeding in a friable and vascular organ.

Liver surgery, like liver

medicine, is highly developed in Britain and Carson can be certain that, even if he needs surgery, he will, barring unexpected complications, be riding next season. Healthy livers regenerate and even a jockey who loses up to two thirds of one should manage the Derby next year and half a bontle of wine afterwards to celebrate.

The Mansion House reception celebrated not only 21 years of the trust but also the foundation of the Institute of Hepatology which is being built at University College London. Under Professor Williams it will investigate viral hepatitis, gene therapy in liver disease and bio-artificial liver support devices.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

The Queen sends Carson best wishes for recovery

THE Queen has sent a get-well message to Willie Carson, the injured jockey. Her best wishes were delivered in a telephone message from Sir Robert Fellowes, her Private Secretary, to staff at North Hampshire Hospital in

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Basingstoke. Yesterday Carson, 53, was danger", but remained in in-tensive care. His liver was damaged by a kick from the horse he was about to mount at Newbury on Friday. The need for surgery has not been ruled out.

Carson has ridden many winners for the Queen, notably Dunfermline, which won the 1977 Oaks and St Leger.

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Multimillion-pound collection of medieval treasures faces dispersal

Fantastic' sale takes art world by surprise

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

ONE of the world's richesi private collections of medieval enamels is for sale and is likely to be dispersed because few public institutions could ever hope to raise the multimillion-pound asking price.

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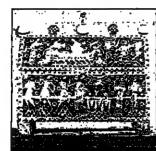
Curators can only dream of acquiring the caskets, crosses and candlesticks included among nearly 200 treasures dating back to the 12th century. They have been amassed since the Second World War and are being sold by a Hungarian collector who lives in Britain.

The sheer scale of the Keir collection — one of only two or three comparable private holdings worldwide - overshadows the importance of the Thomas à Becket casket, which dates from the same period as many of the collec-tion's pieces and fetched £4.18 million at auction in July. Any estimates for the entire collection would greatly exceed this figure. One scholar said: "This is going to cost megabucks. It's a fantastic

Many of the enamelled masterpieces in the collection bear the same dazzling Limoges craftsmanship as the Becket casket, which is now owned by the Victoria and Albert

Although there is some confusion over which pieces are for sale, or whether any of them have been sold individually, the collection includes a cross described by the British Museum as outstanding among late 12th-century crosses: a Virgin and Child whose softly modelled tunic dates it to the 1220s; and a casket depicting Christ and the Apostles, which was made about 1190. The craftsmanship is as delicate as the enamelling and

gilding are radiant.
The Keir Collection boasts treasures dating from the 12th to l6th centuries from abbeys



The Thomas Becket casket cost £4 million

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and churches throughout Europe. It was on loan from 1981 to 1982 to the British Museum, whose curator, Neil Stratford, described its quality as remarkable. The collection was loaned in 1982 to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri, where it remained until a few months ago.

It was assembled in the 1950s and 1960s by Ernst and Martha Kofler-Truniger, of Lucerne, Switzerland; they had at one time also owned the Becket casket. In 1971 Edmund de Unger, a Hungarian believed to be in his early seventies and who has lived in Britain for decades, acquired the Kofler-Truniger holdings and continued adding pieces

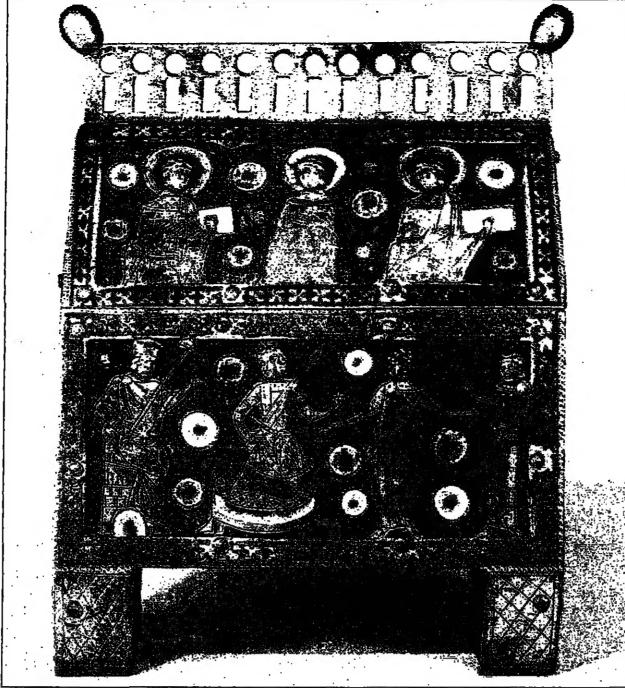
He built up a collection which Marc Wilson, director of the Nelson-Atkins Museum, described as "a monument to a collector's taste and acumen". Mr de Unger, who is married with children, has been described as a very private and cultured man who is immensely proud of his

But his eye extends to other areas: he has a built a museum-quality collection of Islamic art on which, it is thought, he intends to concentrate his interests. One source said that the medieval collection was owned by a foundation in Zurich, where the pieces are stored at present.

As Marilyn Stokstad, consultant to the Nelson-Atkins Museum, explained in her catalogue, "the deceptively simple description of enamel - the fusing of coloured glass to a metal plate - belies the skill required of artists who created masterworks in such a delicate yet recalcitrant

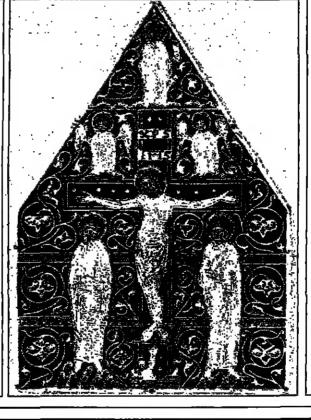
Many of the pieces were made with the champlevé technique, particularly favoured in the 12th and early 13th centuries by artists in southwestern France and northern Spain. This involved the artist gouging and chiselling his design into the bronze or copper plate and filling the spaces with enamel.

A handbook from the 12th century suggested that the craftsman polish the piece with spit and powdered potsherds until the enamel was so bright that "if part of it were wet, one could not tell wet



Treasures from the Keir collection: a casket dating from 1200-1210, above, depicts the martyrdom of St Stephen, a gable-shaped plaque with two martyred saints from the same period, below left, and casket from about 1185





Sunrise lifts the spirits of our man at the Pole

The most distant reader of The Times on the Internet is Simon Hart, a British physicist working at the South Pole. Here he describes life in a six-month winter

FOR most Times readers the end of summer is no cause for celebration. But for those of us stranded at the most southerly spot on Earth, Thursday was a day we had looked forward to. It was when our long, dark winter ended and we saw the sun for the first time in six

As the clouds cleared we could see the top of the sun peeking over the horizon. Although it was late at night, most of the personne! at the Amundsen-Scott Base gathered to witness the event. It was a surprisingly quiet affair, most people just standing around displaying big grins, basking in the first rays of light at the end of what had been a very long. dark tunnel. When you are restricted to one sunrise a vear it is a moment to sayour and, despite the cold, I stood watching for almost an hour as the snow surface turned a wonderful shade of lilac.

This quiet contemplation did not last long and on Saturday we celebrated with a wild party. Everyone sang along to the Beatles' Here Comes The Sun while drinking tequila sunrises.
Life here is one of ex-

tremes. During our summer the sun never sets and the glare of sunlight off the snow can be blinding. Towards midsummer the temperature soars to a balmy Fahrenheit. Military transport planes bring us food and fuel almost daily and the station population swells to near 150; life is hectic and crowded. The station is under a 50-metre-

wide aluminium dome. but most people sleep outside in long black tents. Our only water supply is from melted ice, and fuel is limited, so we make do with two twominute showers a week. As winter approaches, the sun gradually sinks lower and the temperature drops to the point where flying becomes too risky. The last plane left on February 22. Since then we have had no mail and the last of our fresh fruit ran out months ago. We celebrate the end of each month with a formal dinner

frozen food, our cook has

a small salad each week

and we have even managed

to create some authentictasting sushi. With the sun gone, the night sky during clear periods is astonishing. The Milky Way and the Southern Lights are visible

in their full glory. But it can also become very dark and dangerous. once lost my way outside and had to radio for help. It was -70F and, while trying to retrace my steps, which were becoming obscured by blowing snow, I suddenly became very cold. I was rescued by colleagues waving torches to guide me back. I realised I had been heading in completely the

wrong direction. We find strange ways to pass the time in winter. When the weather first dropped below -100F, we climbed into the sauna, waited for it to heat up to 200F, then stripped naked and raced outside to the South Pole marker. It is a station tradition, and those who do it are enrolled into the exclusive 300 Club.

As one of only two Britons on the station, I would miss news of home were it not for the excellent Times Internet edition. It is particularly exciting to read the football results only hours after the games have been played. What a difference from a very few years ago, when the only communication with the outside world was by

infrequent radio link.
Our collective mood follows the angle of the sun. Our low point was midwinter, but our spirits are now brightening with the sky. ☐ There are now 345,000 registered readers of The Times on the Internet (http://www.the-times.co.uk)



Simon Hart beside the South Pole marker

Deckchairs fight on the beaches

By ROBIN YOUNG

lish Riviera are considering swapping their 10,000 traditional wood and canvas deckchairs for continental-style loungers in an attempt to attract more overseas sun-

Gordon Oliver, a Torbay councillor, has suggested that the South Devon coast might look a little more convincing if its beach furniture was more on a par with French or Spanish resorts. Torbay has already bought 500 loungers and Mr Oliver believes they will gradually become a more popular sight at the British

But his idea has provoked tury among traditionalists who want Torbay to remain quintessentially English, with grumpy holidaymakers sitting uncomfortably in sagging deckchairs, sometimes referred to as the physiotherapists' best friend because of their contribution to lowerback problems.

Mr Oliver said: "After I first suggested getting rid of the deckchairs all my friends were trying to find one for me to sit

TOURISM chiefs on the Eng- in as a joke, but when they looked in their garden sheds they all had sun loungers. I think that makes my point."

He said that deckchairs were seen as traditional in Britain and older people possibly preferred them, but he thought most visitors would rather use a lounger. Hundreds of Torbay's deckchairs are now 30 years old. "I think we should start phasing them out in favour of something more modern and conveniently adjustable."

Derek Mills, who manages Torbay's beaches, said that he hoped to give visitors a choice, but accepted that the 500 loungers already in use were proving popular. Christine Boote, chairman

of the Torbay Hotels and Caterers Association, said that she did not object to loungers being introduced to allow visitors greater choice, but objected to deckchairs being put to rest. "I get a little bit browned off with us always trying to be like the real Riviera. What's wrong with being English and a little bit

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Ashdown dampens speculation of closer ties after MP talks of possible merger

Lib Dems try to avoid split on Labour

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Liberal Democrat leadership fought last night to prevent the party's annual conference being overshadowed by an internal dispute over the party's links with Labour.

Paddy Ashdown and senior coleagues moved swiftly to dampen speculation that the party was preparing closer ties with Labour after a senior Liberal Democrat said that growing consensus could even lead to a merger. The suggestion by Alex Carlile, the home affairs spokesman, threatened to anger Liberal Democrat activists who have bitterly opposed any step towards a closer working relationship with Labour.

Mr Carlile said he saw two parties in future: "One Conservative Party and the other a democratic party - a liberal democrat, or social democrat

don't think the terminology matters

very much." That party would "pick up those values which are the centre-left values which have driven the old Liberal Party and also the views of people like Tony Blair. He also told BBC's On the Record that the Liberal Democrats should show interest if offered posts in a Blair-led

The comments by Mr Carlile, who is standing down as MP for Mont-gomery, threatened to wreck the efforts of Mr Ashdown, who earlier in the day had tried to reassure party members that he was not planning closer links with Mr Blair, Although Mr Carlile was known to hold strong views on the relationship between the two parties, senior colleagues were surprised that he had aired them at

or democratic socialist party, and I such a sensitive time in the run-up to the election.

Mr Ashdown was scathing about Mr Blair's decision to ignore the Liberal Democrats in Scotland by calling a referendum on a Scottish Assembly, against the recommendations of a convention led jointly by the two parties. Conscious of rank-andfile worries about the prospect of informal pacts, he took a hostile stance towards Labour, although he again praised Mr Blair's "courage" in bringing about change. Labour Party has slithered about. especially on the issue of Scottish devolution, has done great damage to the whole process of cooperative politics." Mr Ashdown said on

Breakfast with Frost. The people's trust in the parties involved in campaigning for Scottish devolution had been "seriously dam-

aged - and it has given the Conservative Party in the process a

weapon they should not have, to prevent one of the changes my party has been committed to for 100 years. the formation of a sensible parliament in a devolved country". He added: "It is probably the biggest mistake Mr Blair has made. It is the question of how far can Labour be trusted. What do they believe in? How deep does that Blair

revolution go?"

Despite Liberal Democrat attempts to play down talk of links with Labour, the issue has come to the fore in recent weeks with inter-party discussions on constitutional reform. Activists gathering in Brighton for their annual conference last night were adamant that the party should make itself distinctive from Labour. Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Demconceded that closer connections had been made more possible by the shedding of so much of the historic baggage of Labour policy".

Mr Campbell has led moves to bring the parties closer together. particularly in Scotland, but he criticised Labour's policy change on the assembly. "Unilateral action of the kind we have seen would rupture any agreement, formal or informal. The more formal the agreement, the more likely the rupture.

Last night Mr Ashdown said: "Alex Carlile has put forward his own view. It isn't mine, I don't think it's shared very widely in the party

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Women wooed with 'cosy family'

image BY ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL DEPORTER

PADDY ASHDOWN set out o woo women voters yesterday, promising that the Liberal Democrats were the only female-friendly party.

The Liberal Democrat leader is convinced that women are "turned off by the aggressive slanging matches of Tony Blair and John Major". He wants to induce a "cosy family atmosphere" at this week's conference to encourage more women into the fold. Mr Ashdown believes that if the party can capture the women's

vote it could win up to 40 seats. His wife Jane has refused to follow Norma Major and Cherie Blair, who have recently given interviews discussing everything from knitting patterns to their favourite paintings. Mrs Ashdown appeared on Brighton Pier with her husband yesterday morning but has told friends she will not get involved in a competition over her "wifely assets". Instead a triumvirate of Liberal Democrat women will

be pushed forward. Baroness Williams of Crosby, one of the gang of four who founded the SDP in 1981, has been enticed back from America to take a central role in the been asked to help to create a



Nicholson: party's most glamorous asset

softer, more listening style of politics". Although aides are worried about her legendary scattiness and rumpled appearance, they think she has the gravitas to appeal to elderly voters.

Mr Ashdown yesterday launched The Liberal Democrat Fair Deal for Women pamphlet, which declares: We aim to build a Britain where every women can shape her own future by developing her skills, enhancing her strengths, for her benefit and that of the whole community. Emma Nicholson, the MP who recently defected from the Tories, will also play a key role. She is considered the Liberal Democrats' most glamorous asset and has attacked her old party for its "patronising attitude to women". Dressed in a yellow anorak, she signed copies yesterday of her book about the Tory party, Secret Society. She said that the Tories were "incompetent and cruel" and that their campaign would be "filthy beyond belief".

Diana Maddock, spokes person on women and family policy, is the third in the her no-nonsense, housewifey

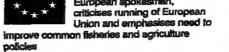


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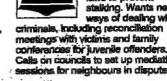


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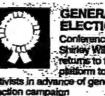
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Party to debate claims that Britain is a 'slave haven'

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Lured to London and life of abuse

CASE HISTORIES

SERVANTS subjected to sexual assault, starvation and imprisonment are to provoke a new wave of political debate on slavery in Britain. 163 years after its supposed abolition.

Campaigners claim that Britain has become a "slave haven for wealthy foreign employers, including senior diplomats, who can abuse their servants without the lear of court action. Immigration rule changes

introduced by the Government prevent many foreign domestic staff from leaving their jobs, even if they have suffered physical abuse. Migrant workers who enter Britain as servants are allowed to stay only while remaining

with their original employer. A survey by Kalayaan, a voluntary help group for Filipino migrant workers, sugoverseas servants have suffered physical abuse, six in ten have been deprived of regular food and one in ten

SAMANTHA'S hands shake

uncontrollably when she re-calls her first week in London

working for an employer who

paid her in mental cruelty,

humiliation and sexual abuse.

Like so many others, she

had been lured from her

home in the slums of Manila

by the promise of money that would help her family to break away from a life of

At first she thought that her

employer - "a handsome Middle Eastern man with

beautiful children" - was

charming. But on her second day at work at his flat in central London he attacked

"He lay on my bed and said

that it was part of my duty to

begged him to leave me alone, but he grew angry and began to hit me around the head and

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her in her room.

call me bad names.

has been sexual assaulted or fused payment for months at a Now the issue is to be debated at two of the major party conferences. This week the Liberal Democrats will demand changes allowing abused workers the right to leave their job and remain in Britain. Labour delegates will

make a similar demand when

they meet in Blackpool next The Liberal Democrats want abused domestic workers to be allowed to change jobs and take court action against their previous employer. They also want overseas employers who leave Britain to remain liable to compensation claims in this country.

Since 1987, campaigners have recorded more than 2,000 cases of abuse of domestic workers. They include those who have been made to work 18 hours a day, been refused time off and been barred from leaving the house.Others have been re-

where. I do not know what he

Samantha, 27, was made a

virtual prisoner by her em-

ployer. He took her passport,

prevented her from using the

telephone and refused to let

She thought that his wife

help her. But the woman told

her she was lazy, dirty and unfit to look after her child-

ren, and on one occasion beat

"They told me I could not eat food from the Iridge -

only scraps that they left from

their meals." Samantha said.

"I was hungry and frightened.

I could not understand why they were treating me like an animal they didn't like."

With calculating cruelty,

Samantha's employers would

occasionally show kindness to their maid. "I cried with

gratitude when they were nice

and then they would start to

hurt me again. I thought I

She had put up with daily

abuse only because she be-

was going mad."

her leave the flat alone.

her with a broom.

time — in one case, for four years — and have had their passports confiscated or have been refused their own bed. Many of the cases involve employers from Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

Campaign groups claim that allegations of slavery are justified because the lack of help offered to servants by the Government allows employers total control of their workers' lives. Although employers can be prosecuted, campaigners say that police are reluctant to take action against overseas employers who may not stay in Britain for long. Domestic staff whose English is poor also face difficulties in

pressing charges. The Liberal Democrats have set aside a prime slot for a debate at this month's conference - just before Mr Ashdown makes his speech. Slavery was abolished in Britain by the party's predeces-sors, the Whig Government,

£120 a month were being sent

to her family in the Philip-

pines. She escaped after dis-

Another Filipina, Annie, 37,

was never struck by her

employers, a Lebanese couple

living in London. But they

watched with amusement

while their child beat her for

fun. "The girl's kicks and

punches hurt me a lot," she said. "The blows to my breasts

caused bruising and much

pain. Her parents weren't concerned at all - I was less

Soon after her arrival in

London she realised that she

was a prisoner. Her passport was taken away and she was

not allowed to leave her

employers' home or use the telephone. "They made me

sleep on the floor," she said, "I

was their slave. The working day began at 6am and fre-

quently I worked 18 hours

before going to sleep agair."

earn money to feed her child-

ren in the Philippines, but her

wages were never paid. Her

Annie came to Britain to

than human to them."

covering that this was a lie.

the fore again at the Labour Party conference in Blackpool when Kalayaan will address a

fringe meeting.
Margaret Healy, Kalayaan
co-ordinator, said: "It's time that the abuse was taken seriously by ministers. It's so blatant and so easy to prove and yet the law allows these workers to be treated differently from other staff in Britain. We are treating overseas workers in a way that other countries in Europe do not."

Home Office ministers have considered changing the law but argue that, by allowing servants to leave their employers, it would become more difficult to keep control of the 12,000 domestic staff who enter Britain each year. Campaigners say that the present system encourages staff to leave their jobs, change their identity and take other work illegally, which makes it im-possible for immigration au-thorities to trace them.

letters home were torn up.

When she could endure no

Father Aodh O'Halpan, a

Roman Catholic priest in

London who helps migrant

workers who are abused by

their employers, said that

Annie's case was "depressing-

ly typical". He added: "They

are maltreated seven days a

week, 18 hours a day. They are

badly fed, made to sleep in

broom cupboards or lavato-

ries and abused sexually and

physically. It is abject degradation."

more she ran away.

excite in 1833. The issue will come to BY ALICE THOMSON THE Liberal Democrats

> Thorpe, his homosexual affairs, financial manipulation and the Establishment's attempts to protect The claims about the former Liberal leader are based on Rinkergate - the Rise and Fall of Jeremy Thorpe, a new book on his alleged complicity in a plot to murder Norman Scott, a

charge of which he was acquitted. Liberal Democrat MPs distanced themselves from the most charismatic leader of the Liberals, disowning him as part of their past. None wanted to talk about the man who delivered six million votes for

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his party in 1974. Several of the older party supporters had scanned extracts of the book published in The Sunday Times. Jeff Allen. a former Liberal from Poole, said: Thorpe wouldn't recognise our party now. We have changed - all that is in the past and the poor man should be left in peace Politics was a different

game in those days." Most Liberal Democrats were hard pushed to remember the sensational case. Andrew Walle, 27, the parliamentary prospective candidate for York, said: "I was only seven at the time. This is ancient history. We are by far the cleanest party now and very different from the old Liberals."

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FOR TUESDAY'S



Euro-sceptics make waves in England's seaside conference towns

from neighhouring EU states will be prowling the hotel corridors of rainswept seaside towns in search of the answer to just one question: Has Britain gone irrecoverably Euro-

Whenever one of these seekers after the truth of Britain's mysterious mindset on Europe asks me, I usually reply that Britons still like Europe as much as they ever did - it is just the EU that worries them. But I am forced to admit in the same breath that the British debate overlaps less and less with the continental agenda and is more and more a struggle between



different shades of scepticism. That is scepticism in the original sense of the word: "doubt as to the truth of some assertion or supposed fact". In spite of being carpet-hombed by assertions and supposed facts by a condition of big husinessmen, much of the

Foreign Office, Gordon Brown's advisers and a brace of former foreign secretaries, Britons cannot be cajoled into seeing Europe through German, French or Belgian eyes. Advocates of a single currency are reduced to urging British membership on the ground that all the other options available are worse.

Most of the British political class, not to mention wider public opinion, stubbornly refuse to accept the blinding advantages of the single currency or to agree with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, that the choice over deeper integration is between peace and war, or to regard Europe as more important than jobs,

diplomat for another EU country, I would be bound to conclude that the British political class was converging on a more sceptical outlook and diverging from the continent.

The term "sceptie" has, of course, been mangled and misused by Westminster trib-al warfare, but Tory Euroscepticism is only one variety of the range available. Mistrust of Brussels works for

live years ago, Becks would not have dreamt of selling beer by lampooning Eurocrats. The tone on the Left and in the Centre has altered. An editorial in The Independent inveighs phobia but comes out against economic and monetary union; Guardian writers criticise the EU's direction. Last week in The Times. Paddy Ashdown took a characteristieally athletic leap over Labour

and sounded more mistrust-

ful of the EU than Tony Blair. Fresh straws in the wind floated past last week in the shape of pamphlets from the Centre for European Reform. Left-inclined think-tank cked by multinationals and Labour intellectuals worried that the party is not thinking hard enough about the EU. Of the six authors writing in the keynote pamphlet, only one argues from a truly continen-

tal outlook. Two essays berate

precious time and energy on monetary union when so much needs to be done with Central Europe.

All the contributors may grow lukewarm, sensible and sceptical when contemplating the EU that we actually have. but they are still dead keen that Britain should join the party. Using exactly that im-age, one writer urges Britain towards more social self-confidence. We should not be a "sullen adolescent guest - too shy to dance, too nervous to leave - but the heart and soul of the party: a good compan-ion committed by instinct to make a worthwhile event even

Attitude and style matter in

diplomacy, but the present EU is also the site of a permanent negotiation over the distribution of power. Power battles involve hard choices about national interests and, worse still, there are

inning friends and influence can cost governments their orinciples and sticking to their guns can drive allies away. I once asked Karl Lamers, the leading German Christian Democrat, what it would take to convince him that Britain had turned truly European. "You would need to join the single currency at the start," he replied without a moment's hesitation. Few of

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show any awareness of how exasperating most continental politicians will find their mix-ture of good intentions and sceptical prescriptions.

For a clear analysis of New Labour's European prospects. you need this week's Fabian pamphlet from Graham Leicester, a former diplomat. who asks: "Can Blair Succeed where Major Failed?". Because Labour is dodging the seems to doubt that Mr Blair can bridge the gap which opened beneath John Major when he went looking for the heart of Europe.

GEORGE BROCK

Spanish Prince avoids Charles's blunders

FROM TUNKE VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

FEARFUL of the "Prince Charles syndrome", the Spanish royal household has plunged Crown Prince Felipe into a hectic schedule of public engagements.

Royal aides here, having observed the apparent diswith the Prince of Wales, are anxious to ensure that the 29-year-old heir to the Spanish throne wins public confidence early on.

"We cannot afford to let Prince Felipe wither on the vine. as Prince Charles seems to have done," said a source close to the Crown. "Britain is now paying the price for keeping the Queen's successor on the shelf for so long. Spain must avoid that error at all costs."

The last time a King of Spain inherited the throne and passed it on to his successor was in the late 18th century — when Charles 1V succeeded Charles III - and King Juan Carlos is determined to provide his son with a trouble-free succession.

Prince Felipe's busy schedule is aimed at raising his profile with the public, and school him in affairs of state. "Prince Charles is a well-meaning man with too much time on his hands," another Spanish Crown source said. "That is a recipe for disaster in an heir to the throne, Our Crown Prince has to work, work, work and to learn from British blunders."

According to the Oxford historian Charles Powell, author of a recent biography of King Juan Carlos, Prince Felipe is "on paper, the most highly qualified heir Spain has ever had". He gained an arts degree in Madrid and a Master's in International Relations at Georgetown University in Washington.

He also has the inestimable advantage of being able to get to know his country's people before ascending the throne something his father could never do." Dr Powell said.

Close attention is being paid to finding a wife for the heir. Now that his alleged romance with Giselle "Gigi" Howard, an American psychology student, appears to have fizzled out, speculation has arisen that his public engagements may soon include a hetrothal Princess Tatiana of Liechtenstein.

Papandreou family feud overshadows Greek poll campaign

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ATHENS

AS 8.5 million Greeks went to the polls yesterday in a close contest between Left and Right, the shade of Andreas Papandreou, the late Prime Minister, returned to haunt his successors in Pasok, the ruling Pan Hellenic Socialist Party. Papandreou's striking and controversial widow, Dimitra Liani - better known as Minii - accused her detractors in Pasok of being "little men" who did not measure up to her late husband.

The Mimi factor exploded in what had been a quiet campaign. A former air hostess, Mimi was constantly at Papandreou's side during his final years and has kept his memory alive since he died three months ago. She has largely kept out of the election campaign, apart from the dry observation that it was 'a drama without protagonists".

The election was called by Papandreou's successor, Costas Simitis, a vear earlier. in the hope of capitalising on the respect he had won as a modernising pro-European technocrat. But Mr Simitis, 60, has seen his standing in the opinion polls fall from 70 per cent to 30 per cent, partly because of the schism caused by the formation of a left-wing Euro-sceptical splinter group. Dikki, led by Dimitris Tsovolas, a former Finance Minister, and partly because Mr Simitis lacks Papandreou's common touch.

Early exit polls yesterday showed Mr Simitis taking a slight lead over Miltiadis Evert, leader of the conservative New Democracy.

in the final days of the

campaign Mr Simitis, who had campaigned largely on television, began to "meet the people" in walkabouts and rallies and attempted fiery Papandreou-style rhetoric.

But Mr Simitis has lost ground to Mr Evert, who promised financial support for farmers and played the nationalist card with his confrontational approach to "Turkish aggression" in the Aegean. Mr Evert blamed 12 years of Pasok rule for high unemployment, a huge national debt and delayed privatisation.

Tensions between Mrs Papandreou and members of the family have simmered since the publication ten days ago of Papandreou's will, in which he left everything to her, including personal archive. "Mimi knows where the bodies are buried," one party insider said.

Papandreou left his three sons - one of whom, George, is Education Minister in the outgoing Government - nothing but "my name and their good education". Last week Nikos Papandreou said the widow was a domineering woman who had brought about his father's death and ruined his career. Sophie Katsanevas, Papan-

dreous's daughter, said she and her husband, Theodore, a leading Pasok figure described in Papandreou's will as a "disgrace", were contesting the legacy. Mrs Papandreou said she believed Mr and Mrs Katsanevas were behind a "campaign of hatred" against her, including the release to the media of photographs showing her naked.



Mimi Papandreou, widow of the former Greek Prime Minister, voting in Athens yesterday



The Pope blesses the 200,000 crowd gathered for the Mass at Rheims yesterday, the final day of his tour

Secular protests condemn papal Mass for Clovis

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN RHEIMS

THE Pope celebrated the religious conversion of a pagan French king yesterday as hundreds of demonstrators gathered in Paris to denounce the papal visit and declare that France is a secular state with no need for popes or kings.

The fourth and final day of the Pope's tour illustrated two opposed conceptions of the French national identity: the first Catholic, traditional and with a residual taste for monarchy; the other secular, republican and founded on the ideals of the 1789 Revolution. More than 200,000 people

gathered for a papal Mass at a military airbase near Rheims in northern France to mark the baptism of the Frankish King Clovis 1,500 years ago. an event which many tradi-

tionalists and the extremeright National Front have hailed as symbolising the birth of France. As wine for the Mass was distributed from barrels carried through the crowd, some of the congregarion waved banners proclaiming: "Baptism of Clovis -

Baptism of France." At the same time secular and left-wing groups held demonstrations insisting that government participation in the Clovis festivities violates the separation of church and state and undermines republican ideals.

At the battlefield of Valmy, 20 miles from Rheims, Freemasons gathered on the spot where revolutionary troops repelled Prussian and Austrian armies bent on destroying

the Revolution. On September 22, 1792, the day after the victory, the monarchy was formally abolished and the First Republic proclaimed. More than 70 groups, in-

cluding anarchists, feminists, environmentalists, left-wing organisations and anti-racist protesters assembled at the Place de la Bastille in Paris beneath banners declaring "Religion Oppresses" to protest at the Pope's conservative teachings on sexual morality. abortion and priestly celibacy.

Demonstrators claim that £4 million of state money has been spent on the Pope's visit and the celebration of King Clovis, portrayed by some historians as a bloodthirsty warlord rather than a worthy symbol of French nationalism.



An anti-Pope protester inside a giant condom

SUMMARY

Captain of Korean submarine shot dead

Seoul: The captain of a North Korean submarine was tracked down by South Korean troops and killed in a gun battle yesterday, the army reported. The exchange was one of two during the night

(Nick Long writes).

Another infiltrator in a South Korean uniform and two South Korean soldiers also died in the clashes, bringing to three the total of Seoul soldiers killed since the start of the operation.

Rocket-propelled grenades and missile launchers may have been brought ashore by the North Koreans, who infiltrated the South last week, according to a prisoner's

reported testimony.

Lee Kwang Su, the captured North Korean, was quoted by the Hankook Ilbo newspaper as saying that weapons and explosives were on board the submarine that ran aground off the east coast of South Korea on Wednesday.

A senior South Korean intelligence official denied any such weapons or missiles had been found on the submarine. but the prisoner was quoted as saying they may have been thrown overboard or taken ashore in the days before the submarine ran aground.

Although the prisoner has changed his story more than once, his latest revelation fits with the view of some military sources that the mission was more than reconnaissance.

In particular it may help to explain why, in contrast to previous infiltrations, the agents and crew apparently numbered more than 25. many of whom were officers.

Armenia's head faces challenge

Moscow: President Levon Ter-Petrosyan of Armenia was fighting off a strong challenge from his former Prime Minister in the country's first post-Soviet presidential elections. Vazgen Manukyan, Prime Minister in 1990 and 1991. promises to crack down on corruption. (AP)

Avalanche toll

Kathmandu: Two Nepali sherpas and a French climber. Yves Bouchon, 47, a surgeon from Nancy, died on Mount Everest in an avalanche, Nepal's Tourism Ministry said. They were on three separate expeditions. (Reuter)

Corsica blasts

Ajaccio: Bombs thought to have been planted by Corsican nationalists exploded outside six Post Offices before dawn yesterday. No injuries, but considerable damage, resulted from the blasts across the south of the island. (AP)

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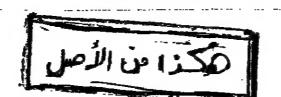
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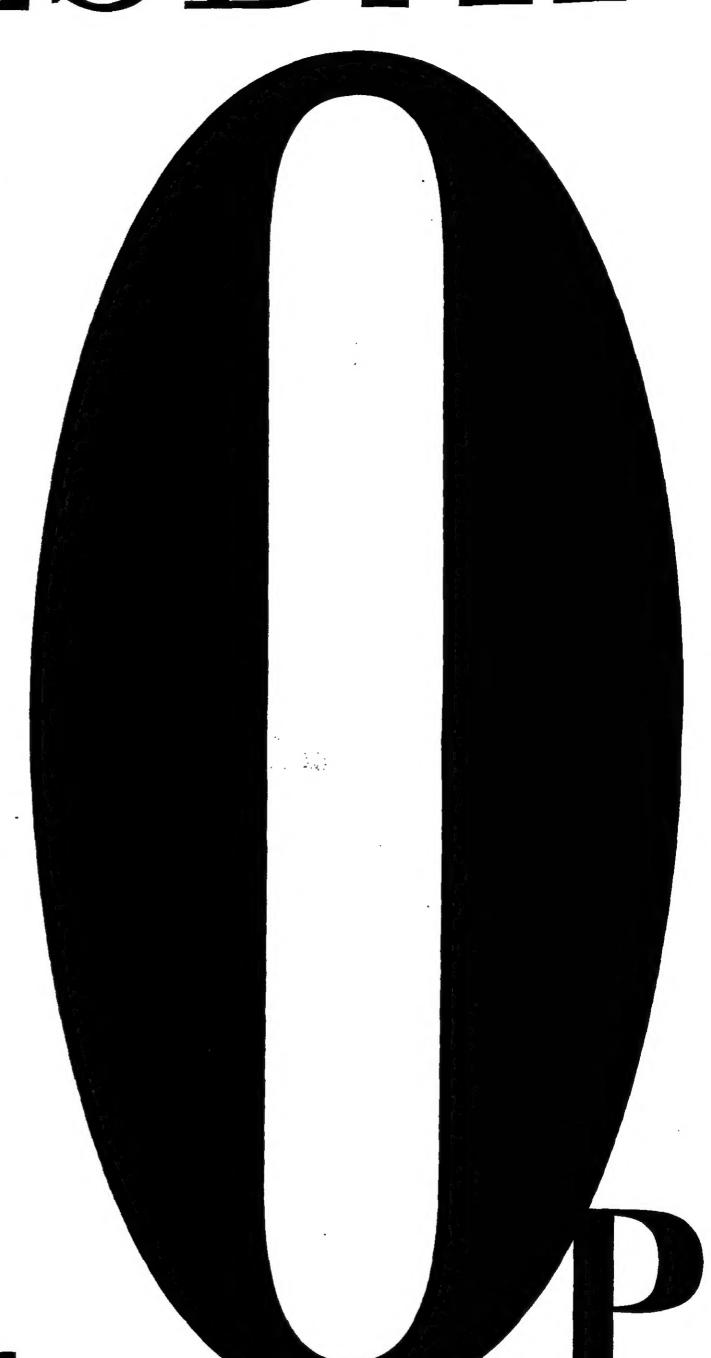
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Haul of heroin on Samper jet adds to Colombia's woes

From James Bone in new york and Gabriella Gamini in bogotä

PRESIDENT Samper of Colombia, who flew to New York at the weekend to make an anti-drugs speech at the United Nations, is mired in new controversy after the discovery of 7lb of heroin on board the presidential plane.

An anonymous caller alerted the Colombian Air Force to the drugs on board the Boeing 707 a few hours before it was due to carry the President to the UN General Assembly session. A search of the plane, kept under air force guard,

found 14 packets of heroin: President Samper, who switched to an Avianca commercial airliner, told a press conference before his departure that whoever had hidden the drug knew "he was dirty-ing the face of Colombia".

The President called it "a nasty conspiracy" to discredit him, while other government ministers implied it was part of an "International plot" to force his downfall. But he said

"greater harm" would have been done if the drugs had been detected by the US authorities on his arrival.

"There is no question someone is trying to throw mud on the President," said Carlos Medellin, the Justice Minister.

President Samper is at the centre of a major political crisis stemming from allegations that his 1994 election campaign was financed with \$6 million from the country's Cali cocaine cartel. Close aides have been jailed for illegally enriching themselves with drug traffickers' money, but the President insists he was unaware of any campaign contributions from drug barons. He has twice been acquitted by the highly partisan

Colombian congress. America, however, has stripped Senor Samper of his US tourist visa and "decertified" Colombia as a partner in its fight against illegal drugs.

travelled to New York on diplomatic visa.

In his UN address today he is expected to lay out a global anti-drugs strategy that includes the creation of an international court to try drug

Colombia provides an estimated 80 per cent of the cocaine on US streets and recently became also its largest single supplier of heroin. for the President's resignation have grown louder in past months, the prevailing theory is that his political opponents planted the heroin in his jet.

more than 65 per cent of Colombians want Señor Samper to resign. Cafés along the plushiest avenues in Bogotá are buzzing with a recurring question: When will the President fall?

A poll this week showed that

Most people are wondering whether he can hold out until his mandate ends in 1998.



Tokyo shoppers battle Typhoon Violet yesterday. Three people died and six were reported missing in the storm, which caused dozens of landslides

Fraud trial forces Rao to quit as Congress chief

Delhi: India's discredited Congress evidently moving to a degrading end.
Party is realing from the resignation of His achievement is the near-destruc-P.V. Narasimha Rao, the former Prime Minister, as party president after he was ordered to appear in court to answer allegations of criminal conspiracy (Christopher Thomas writes). His 55-year political career is (Christopher Thomas

tion of the party that led India to independence by his tolerance of unprecedented high-level corruption.
Once the towering force of politics, the party is now held in contempt. The Ill-year-old Congress Party

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pending a full party election. The frontrunner is almost unknown beyond his immediate political circles: A.K. Antony, Chief Minister of the small, progressive southern state of Kerala, the only state with almost universal

reputation for honesty. Mr Rao has been ordered to appear in court next Monday to answer an allegation that he was involved in

cheating a British-based businessman,

Lakhubhai Pathak, who produces

Kaunda ban 'puts democracy at risk'

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Zambian Government's decision to bar Kenneth Kaunda, the former President, from standing again for election has thrown President Chiluba's commitment to homan rights into doubt and jeopardised Zambia's experiment in democracy, according

to a Commonwealth group. A sharply critical report on next month's Zambian elections says that President Chiluba's determination to debar his predecessor was galling to many Zambians. It could lead to an embarrassing confrontation with aid donors. If the elections go ahead under these conditions, the report says, all the sacrifices of the adjustment to a market

economy will come to naught. The report, published today by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, speaks of the growing authoritarian-ism of President Chiluba, who is behaving as though he had a mandate to govern as his party sees fit. It urges the dispatch of Commonwealth observers and calls on Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Secre-tary-General, or a neutral Zambian to begin a dialogue between the parties.



Kaunda: barred from election campaign

Clashes at Bhutto protest

with police yesterday at the house of Murtaza Bhutto, dead estranged brother of Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's Prime Minister, blocking a condolence visit by President Leghari.

About 250 protesters accused Ms Bhutto's husband. Asif Ali Zardari, of conspiring in the death of their leader in a shootout with police. Ms Bhutto broke into tears while receiving mourners with her sister in the village Naudero, Sindh. (Reuter)

Somali killing

Mogadishu: Three unidentified gunmen assassinated Abdi Ashir Korir, an official of the Somali militia led by Osman Ali Atto, raising fears of a new outbreak of interfaction fighting

Macau elections

Hong Kong: Macau voters went to the polls for the last time before the 1999 handover to China (Jonathan Mirsky writes). Unlike in Hong Kong these elections — for eight seats in the 23-member legisla-ture — had Peking's blessing.

Olympic row

Sydney: The Sydney 2000 Olympics logo, featuring boomerangs in the shape of an athlete, is at the centre of a legal row after four sisters from a graphic design studio said it was based on an idea they submitted twice. (AFP)

Beauty and beast

Johannesburg: Miss South Africa, who plans a ritual slaughter if she wins Miss World, has been asked by the Animal Anti-Cruelty League to end her role promoting

Rock art inspires new theory of man

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

THE discovery of ancient rock art in Western Australia, which has been described as Australia's Stonehenge, could prompt a rewrite of the history of human life, Australian sci-

entists said yesterday.

Dr Lesley Head, of the University of Woolongong. said: "The discovery is going to stimulate a whole lot of new questions. All of us involved in the project are very excited, but there is a degree of caution because the results are just so different from our present

understanding. The evidence found suggests that Aborginal occupation of Australia could be more than double previous estimates of 60,000 years.

We expect our findings will be thoroughly scrutinised and people will have most problems with the concept that Ahorigines have been here for 116.000 years," Dr Head said. "It's just so much longer than previously thought."

His comments follow the revelation that tools used to make rock art and enormous sculpted boulders believed to be up to 176,000 years old have been discovered at a site at Jinmium in the far north of Western Australia. Rock art believed to be up to 76,000 vears old was also discovered. Dr Head said yesterday that to extend the search to other areas in the region.

The Jinmium excavation had unearthed chips and pounding tools, which had shown microscopic traces of starchy residues, indicating the processing of vegetable matter for food, according to

"Bone doesn't survive well in that sort of constantly eroding sandstone environment," he said. But in terms of comparing them to later groups of Aboriginal people, there's no doubt of a number

of cultural similarities. Up to now the oldest reliably dated rock art has been 32,000-year-old cave paintings in France, and most scientists have taken the view that modern humans did not exist until about 100,000 years ago.



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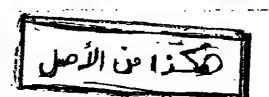


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CHANGING TIMES



Israelis on alert after threats of more suicide bombings

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

Authority".

targets difficult.

Shalluh complained that the

authority's intelligence bodies

were chasing the group's ac-

tivists, which makes the execu-

tion of attacks against Israeli

The Islamic Jihad leader.

who has been granted permis-

sion by President Assad of

Syria to base his organisation

in Damascus along with other

"rejectionist" groups, added that the Palestinian police

were "worse than the Israelis'

raeli Defence Minister, inter-

viewed yesterday by Yediot, was asked how he explained

the recent lull in bombings.

"Our activities and those of the

Palestinian Authority caused a

division in their ranks," he

said. "Some of them came to

the conclusion that catastro-

phic events hurt them more

than they hurt us."

Yitzhak Mordechai, the Is-

in treatment of prisoners.

ISLAMIC JIHAD, one of the two main terrorist groups dedicated to wrecking the fragile peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians, has vowed to resume suicide bombings which have been suspended since the rightwing Likud Government won the May election.

The Tel Aviv newspaper Yediot Ahronot reported yesterday that, as a result of the threat by Ramadan Abdallah Shallah, the Damascus-based organisation's new secretarygeneral, Israeli police and ambulance services had been placed on high alert.

Suicide bombers from Islamic Jihad and Hamas carried out four devastating suicide attacks in February and March that killed more than 60 people and are widely regarded as having swung voters behind the "peace with security" slogan of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Likud leader.

The new threat was reported in the London-based Arabic daily al-Havat after Jihad al-Khazen, its editor, interviewed the new Islamic Jihad leader at an undisclosed location. The interview came almost a vear after Fathi Shikaki, the organisation's founder and spiritual leader, was assassinated by Israeli Mossad agents in Malta.

The secretary-general of Islamic Jihad and other Islamic leaders expect these attacks to be resumed soon," the paper said. "The leaders said there were pressures at all levels to resume operations similar to those carried out in February, particularily as the first anniversary of Fathi Shikaki's assassination is

approaching. A senior Islamic Jihad official told a Palestinian source in Gaza at the weekend that where "there is no alternative to returning to the path the

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Clinton

outlaws gay

(lan Brodie writes).

In contrast to the exuberant

signing ceremonies in the White House Rose Garden

whenever Mr Clinton has a

Bill to brag about, he reluc-

tantly appended his name to

the Defence of Marriage be-

hind closed doors at 1250am

with no cameras, no guests and no fanfare. Elizabeth Birch, director of the Human

Rights Campaign, the largest

gay rights group, accused Mr Clinton of betrayal.

Washington: The governors of America's last all-male military academy, the state-fund-ed Virginia Military Institute,

narrowly agreed to admit

women but vowed to make no

concessions over the harsh

New York: A palm-sized pic-ture card from 1910 of an almost-forgotten baseball

great, Honus Wagner, fetched

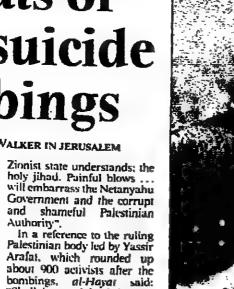
a record \$640,500 (£413,225) at

auction here. It was promptly

put on sale for \$1 million.

Bastion falls

Lucky strike



An Orthodox Jew recites from the Scriptures as he holds a chicken over his son's head on the Day of Atonement

Anxiety marks Yom Kippur holiday amid memories of surprise attack

By Christopher Walker

ISRAEL ground to an cerie halt at sunset last night as Jews began marking Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement), the holiest date in their calendar, amid fears that Syria or Islamic terrorists might use the occasion — when there is no transport, radio or television — to launch a surprise attack.

Such is the intensity of religious observance on the fast day when, according to Jewish tradition, fates for the coming year are sealed that even ambulances racing to and from emergencies are liable to be stoned Most Jews and non-Jews

like leave their cars at home, and even many non-obserAll airports are shut and which he said he was using to borders sealed. pass the warning to Damas-Recent unexplained Syrian cus, "the state of Israel and its troop movements near the security forces are strong and Israeli-occupied Golan able to fulfil their goals. On Heights have cast a cloud of that I have not a speck of doubt. My advice to you is: come, let us go a different anxiety over a day when, according to yesterday's opin-

ion poll, 73 per cent of Jews in Israel fast and 69 per cent go Explaining the significance to synagogue. Few have for-gotten the attack by Syrian of Yom Kippur, which ends at sunset tonight with the soundand Egyptian forces in 1973 ing of the shofar or ram's when army reservists ran to horn, a spokesman for the Government of Binyamin join their units still wearing Netanyahu said: "It is a day of their prayer shawls. "Yes, 23 years ago we were introspection, completely sepsurprised." Yitzhak Mordarate from the normal course echai, the Defence Minister, of life — the physical aspects admitted to Israel radio in a of our lives are sublimated special interview, having warned Syria to change its while we concentrate on our

spiritual concerns." With the gap between religious and secular Israelis dent," he told the mass-circu- the lation paper Yediot Ahronot, most of those who are not usually observant try to fit into the sombre mood. Even leftwingers were infuriated a few years ago when a Labour Knesset member, Yael Dayan, daughter of the swashbuckling war hero Moshe Dayan, allowed herself to be photographed sunbathing on a Tel Aviv beach on Yom

Kippur.
"Rollerbladers, skateboarders and bicyclists have begun taking over the empty steets from the pedestrians, but this still remains a uniquely contemplative day in the life of a nation nearing the 21st century," said one veteran Jerusalem resident.

Although Israel radio will remain silent, a skeleton staff is on stand-by ready to broadcast the special codes used to cail up Israel's large reserve

Nato prepares to rid policy of last Cold War traces

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

6 Reforms

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command structure which will eliminate the last traces of Cold War security strategy will be discussed by alliance defence ministers at a meeting in Norway on Wednesday.

The informal session at Bergen, which will also be attended by General Igor Rodionov, the new Russian Defence Minister, will provide further impetus to the plans for a comprehensive reform of

The blueprint for a new-look Nato, which is already far advanced, will be used by the alliance to demonstrate to Russia and East European states who want to join Nato that the organisation has "changed its spots", according to one senior Nato source.

The reforms have also been developed to encourage France to rejoin the integrated military structure

1965. President Chirae has indicated his personal wish for France to play a full part in Nato again and it is now hoped that next year there will be two momentous develop-

ments for the alliance: a decision by France to return to the integrated military structure, and an agreement by the 16 member states to invite Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and possibly Slove-nia to start negotiations for joining.

Crucial to France's decision will be the creation of a formal European defence identity within the alliance, leading to a more balanced division of responsibilities between Europe and the United States.

As part of the new Nato command structure, it is expected that European commanders will be appointed to more of the top Nato posts which are currently dominated by Americans.

This would open up the opportunity for French commanders to move into some of the most influential jobs, once France is reintegrated. Spain, which is also planning to tary structure, will similarly benefit from the changes.

MAJOR changes in Nato's The only appointment expected to remain in American hands is that of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe. European members of the alliance are agreed that America must retain the top military job in Europe to ensure continuing US commitment. The jother top posts could be rotated," one Nato source declared.

The aim of the changed command system will be to projection and crisis manage ment inside and outside alliance territory.

The new military structure will take on board all the lessons learnt from the Natoled peace operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Both France and Spain have successfully integrated into Nato's Implementation Force (Ifor) in Bosnia and hold appropriate com-

mand positions. The Bergen meeting will not lead to decisions on the key issues ahead for Nato because it is only an informal ministerial session. However, in the past these more relaxed occasions

ideas that have eventually turned into important policy developments. The most notable example was at a meeting at Travemunde in Germany in October 1993, when the idea of the Partnership for Peace

scheme was first discussed. In looking at the plans for expanding Nato, British officials will be keen to get away from the notion that new members will join in "waves" of three or four. Although it is agreed that there are obvious frontrunners for the first phase in Nato's expansion plans, the emphasis will be on keeping the door open for other members, rather than instituting a queue system.

This will allow more time for Russia to get used to the idea of an expanded alliance. It will also enable the countries which present the most difficult challenge for Nato. like the three Baltic states, to feel they have a chance of desperately trying to get in before the door closes.



Netanyahu: won voters with security slogan

Pentagon admits it taught **Latin Americans to torture**

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

marriage THE Pentagon has admitted that its training centre for Washington: President Clin-Latin American military and police officers used manuals ton waited until the small that advocated torture, execuhours of the morning before tion, blackmail and other signing a Bill that banned the forms of coercion against US Government from recognising same-sex marriages

Insurgents.

Confirming accusations levelled by critics over the years. the Pentagon conceded that the manuals at the US Army's School of the Americas violated United States policy and

principles. For example, the volumes proposed that counter-intelligence agents trying to recruit informants could employ fear, payment of bounties for enemy dead, beatings, false imprisonment, executions and the use of truth serum". A manual entitled Handling of Sources advised intelligence officers that in seeking information from an insurgent "involuntarily" they should consider arresting his parents or giving him a beating. The School of the Americas,

based at Fort Benning in Georgia, was originally intended to impede any advance Communism in Latin America. But it became notorious for the human rights abusers among its graduates. They included Roberto D'Aubuisson, leader of the rightwing death squads in El Salvador: 19 Salvadorean soldiers linked to the murders of six Jesuit priests in 1989; and, most infamous of all, Manuel Noriega, the deposed dictator of Panama who is serving a

trafficking. Joseph Kennedy, a Democratic Congressman, has been trying to close it as a Cold War relic that became a school for dictators.

tactics of trying to pressure

Israel into concessions over

He said: "This report shows what we have long suspected. that taxpayers' dollars have been used to train military officers in executions, extortion, beatings and intimida-tion — all civil rights abuses which have no place in civilised society."

A Pentagon investigation claimed that the coercive methods were included in the manuals through bureaucratic oversight and were compiled by army intelligence officers using outdated materi-al without the required "doctrinal approval" of their life sentence in the US for drug

Vienna group armed Muslims

Washington: Illegal weapons worth millions of dollars were channelled into Bosnia from Muslim governments and radical Islamic movements with the help of an obscure organisation in Vienna, according to a report yesterday

(Jan Brodie writes).

Austrian investigators traced the flow of \$350 million (£230 million) from documents and bank records after raiding the headquarters of the Third World Relief Agency. The

Washington Post reported. At least half the money was used in defiance of the United Nations arms embargo to buy black-market weapons for smuggling to the Bosnian government army, intelligence officials said.

The agency was started ten years ago as a Muslim humanitarian aid group and embarked on several civilian projects before brokering weapons deals with the backing of the Bosnian Govern-

ment, the report said. The head of the agency was identi-fied as Elfatih Hassanein, a former Sudanese diplomat who is a close ally of Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnia's Muslim President

Bosnia was helped with weapons or cash by Iran and Sudan, both on the US State Department's list of countries that support terrorism, as well as Turkey. Brunei, Malaysia and Pakistan. The biggest contributor was Saudi Arabia.

Suspect Du Pont 'says he is Dalai Lama'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

JOHN E. DU PONT, the American millionaire who is charged with murdering an Olympic wrestler, was described at the weekend as a paranoid schizophrenic who considers himself the Dalai Lama, the last Russian Tsar and Jesus Christ.

Mr Du Pont, a wrestling enthusiast and heir to the Du Pont chemicals fortune, is accused of shooting David Schultz, the Olympic gold medallist he had hired as a

Two defence psychiatrists told a judge at a hearing on Saturday that Mr Du Pont, 58. had been psychotic for months, and probably years, before the killing on January 26 and was mentally incompetent to stand trial.

Just last week, he fired his two defence lawyers, accusing them of conspiring against him with the CIA. His family are suing to take control of his \$80 million (£50 million) es-

"He's not faking it," said Robert Sadoff, one of the psychiatrists. "It's real. He's psychotic."

Resnick said Mr Du Pont heard "the voice of God", suspected that any telephone was bugged and believed he was the target of international assassins. He could hold a normal conversation about certain topics such as wrestling, but became elusive when asked to work on his defence, they said.

Dennis McAndrews, the

prosecutor, challenged the psychiatrists' view and said Mr Du Pont had been rational enough to sign a \$300-anhour contract with lawyers.

"Did he sign 'Dalai Lama?" Mr McAndrews asked. "Did



Du Pont: charged with



Gone in a flash

BRIEFING

Nigel

Hawkes

alarm when the claim was made that we could all be persuaded to do things against our will by ssages flashed on a screen too fast for conscious thought. Such "sublimina!" slogans were supposed to penetrate deep into the mind without our knowing, leading us to buy unwanted products or vote for completely unsuitable candidates.

The man behind the story was a New York motivational researcher called James Vicary. who claimed that advertising messages flashed for a brief instant on the screen of a drivein cinema in Fort Dix, New Jersey, could act as "hidden persuaders". He claimed to have increased the sales of Coca-

Cola and popcorn by this ruse. Ever since, people given to the milder forms of neurosis have worried that they are being manipulated by ads on TV or in the cinema. Finally, three psychologists from the University of Washington in Seattle have been able to demonstrate that this worry is unfounded.

They have shown that subliminal messages do indeed have an effect, the first time this has been done in a reproducible way. But the effect is limited to the simplest of cues, lasts for only a tenth of a second or so, and has long worn off before the next visit to the supermarket.

The study is published in the magazine Science by Professor Anthony Greenwald and colleagues. They recruited more than 300 volunteers, who were asked to identify target words as either male or female names,

r as pleasant or unpleasant. The words were flashed on a computer screen one at a time. every few seconds, and the volunteers identified them by

pressing a key.

Just before each word appeared on screen, the subjects were shown a subliminal message, which consisted of a meaningless string of 15 consonants, followed by a priming word, then another string of consonants. On some trials the priming and the target words agreed - they might both be female names, for example. On others, they disagreed. A female prim-

ing name might be followed by a male target name. The priming words were shown too briefly for the volunteers to be consciously aware of them. But they did have an effect on their ability to identify the target word if the volunteers were put under pressure to do so very quickly, in four tenths of a second. If they were given longer, the

effect was not observed. This shows that the priming word is influencing the process of recognising the target word, but only for a very brief period. What we see indicates that unconscious cognition is capable of only simple mental operations compared to the powers of conscious thought," said Professor Green-

"In addition", he added, "the influence of a subliminal message is fleeting, lasting only a brief flicker of time, perhaps as little as one tenth of a second." What this means is that subliminal advertising cannot sell popcorn. What a relief.

Why, simply, life begins at 256



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HOW many genes does it take to sustain the simplest form of life? The human species has, at a guess, 100,000 genes while the parasitic bacterium Mycoplasma genitalum gets by on only 468. The steady growth of completely-sequenced organisms has enabled good estimates to be made, by Dr Arcady Mushegian and Dr Eugene Koonin of the US National Library of Medicine in

Bethesda, Maryland. They compared M genitalum with another bacterium. Haemophilus influenzae, which belongs to a different bacterial lineage. The two lineages separated at least 1.5 billion years ago, so it is reasonable to assume that any genes the two have in common must be

essential to the functioning of cells. After comparing the two, they report in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that 256 genes are "close to the minimum set necessary and sufficient to sustain the existence of a modern-type cell". This is very close to an estimate made by another method of about 250 genes. It looks as if fewer than this, and you are not alive.

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The answer to a burning question



from Purdue University in Indiana have won a prize for solving the problem of what to do with birthday candles after they have been blown out. Eat them.

Adam Watkins, Amy Khal and Rahul Nair won \$5,000 for the invention of edible candles, the kind of idea that must have occurred before to some Victorian inventor. The Purdue candles are peppermint-flavoured and made from 83 per cent hydrogenated soya bean oil and 16 per cent glycerol, with the other I per cent coming from colouring and peppermint oil.

The candles do not drip, burn with a shorter flame and last on average 25 seconds longer than the conventional type, which generally contain paraffin. "Conventional candles are a nuisance," Mr Nair told Chemistry in Britain. "We wanted to make something that you didn't have to throw away, and that you wouldn't mind putting on your food." The prize came from the Indiana Soybean Development Council, to which the candles proved literally irresistible.

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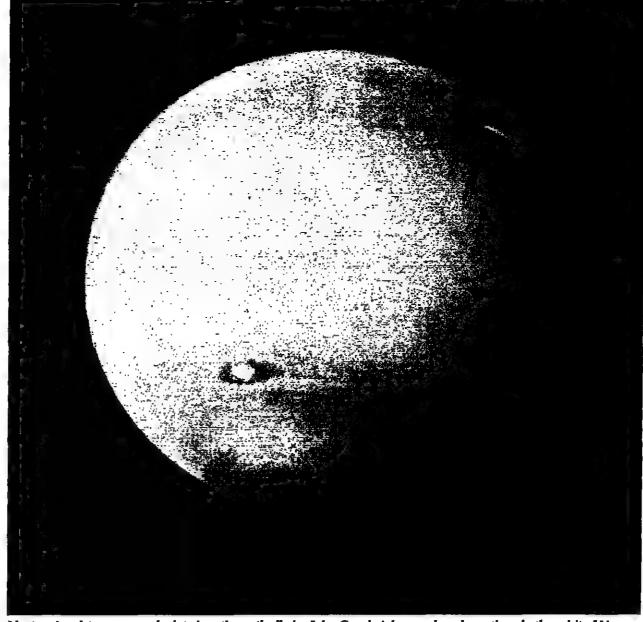
The discovery of the distant planet Neptune 150 years ago today sparked an international row, reports Allan Chapman

Neptune was years ago today, it stirred more than just head-lines. It became the focus of a heated international dispute, as scientists in England and in France claimed the discovery.

Two centuries ago, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter. and Saturn -- the so-called "classical" planets which had been known to the Greeks were thought to be the only bodies circling the Sun. Then, in 1781, Sir William Herschel discovered Uranus. This seventh planet was found to be twice as far away from the Sun as Saturn, at 1,783 million miles. During the next 60 years, astronomers calculated that Uranus was straying from its expected orbit. This meant one of two things. Either Newton's Universal Laws of Gravitation were not universal, and only worked successfully out to Saturn, or there was something beyond Saturn causing a gravitational

In the 1840s, two mathemanicians - one English and one French — took up the challenge. John Couch Adams. 26, of St John's College, Cambridge, was a shy young man from Cornwall. The Frenchman was Urbain JJ. Le Verrier, 34, an already eminent scientist based in Paris.

Both men, working entirely independently, followed the same reasoning. They argued that if it could be established exactly how far Uranus had strayed from its calculated orbit over the past 60 years, then the position of the unknown planet that was disturbing it could be pinpointed. Fortunately, a detailed knowledge of Uranus's wanderings, compiled by the Greenwich and other observatories since 1781, meant that the physical data for a mathematical analysis were available. By Septem-



Neptune's existence was calculated mathematically by John Couch Adams using aberrations in the orbit of Uranus

a wife about to go into labour,

and a lurid murder on his

hands, one can appreciate how

the young Cambridge gradu-

ate who could not even reply to

letters failed to grab Airy's

recognising that the discovery

confirming Newton's Laws of

Gravitation owed much to

many, gave equal credit to

Adams and Le Verrier. And

when the two men met, in the

summer of 1847, their mutual

admiration sealed the peace.

Dr Allan Chapman is an his-

torian of science at Wadham College, Oxford.

attention.

In time

ber. 1845. Adams had computed a position for the unknown planet. He took it to James Challis, director of the Cambridge Observatory. Challis gave Adams a letter of introduction to his friend Sir George Biddell Airy, the Astronomer Royal.

But Adams's attitude to social protocol was lax. He went to the Royal Observa-

tory, Greenwich, without an appointment, and found that Airy was abroad. On October 21,

Adams reappeared at Greenwich. again without an appointment. The Airy family was the butler would not allow his master to be disturbed. Adams left, leaving

a note with his computed position for the new planet. Airy responded promptly to Mr Adams, requesting more information. Adams did not reply. It was almost a year before Adams wrote another letter to Airy, and by then Le

Verrier had entered the fray. Like Airy, Le Verrier was an efficient operator, and as soon as he had obtained his own figure for the position of the new gas giant in June 1846, he published it. Astronomers across Europe were now discussing the likely discovery of another planet.

Even to those in Cambridge, where Challis began his search, the mysterious body became known as "Le Verrier's planet" and not "Adams's planet" , because Adams had never published his results or made them public. And in 1846, just like today, it was through publica-

tion that one staked a claim. Finding that the Paris Observatory would not point a powerful telescope to the part of the sky - in the constellation of Capricorn - in which his computed planet lay. Le Verrier wrote to colleagues in Berlin on September 18. Five

mers, Galle and d'Arrest, believed that they had spied a small, dim body which appeared on no existing astro-nomical chart. The discovery was confirmed on the next night, when they saw that over 24 hours it had moved in the way that planets do but stars do not. They announced their

on September 30,

and on October 1

The Times pub-

lished the discov-

ery of the planet,

soon to be named

Neptune. William

Lassell, an ama-

teur astronomer

from Liverpool

results on September 25. The news reached London

French accused the

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who owned the English of scope in England invention at the time, saw

Neptune on October 2, and went on to discover its largest satellite (later named Triton) on the tenth. But nowhere did poor Adams's name appear. Not until October 3 did

Adams find a champion, when Sir John Herschel, son of William, published a letter staking a prior claim for Cambridge. Then the affair ignited. The French accused the English of inventing Adams's claim because they were jealous of the Franco-German discovery. The English blamed Airy and Challis for failing to pursue Adams's figures a year before.

ity argued, cogently, that he had been dissatisfied with figures and the lack of explanation as to how they had been derived. Airy was a government scientist, and it was not his job to check a private individual's supposed discovery, though he would have been willing to get Adams's

results published.
It could all have been so different had Adams been admitted to the Airy dinner table on October 21, 1845. So why was he not? Recent re-

night, Mrs Richarda Airy, the Astronomer Royal's wife, was GREEN GIANT close to giving birth to their ninth child, and had a history

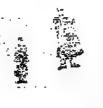
of difficult pregnancies. Secondly, Airy had just been planet in our solar sysinformed of a scandalous murtem, is 30 times farther der committed by William from the Sun than Earth, completing an or-Richardson, a senior astronobit every 165 years. It mer at the Greenwich Observatory. Richardson had weighs as much as 17 fathered a child by his own Earths, and has a diamdaughter, and the pair of them eter of more than had murdered the baby. Their 50,000km. arrest was the latest news. The first close-up look. What with government work,

by Voyager 2 in 1989. showed Neptune as a green disc, the colour stemming from the methane within its at-

The planet has eight moons. The two biggest, observed from Earth and the others were discovered during the Voyager 2 fly-by. The spacecraft also discovered Neptune's rings, four thin belts of material encircling the planet-Two are named after Le Verrier and Adams.

ADVERTISMINT

Scientists claim breakthrough in zero-gravity sminting



the humming birds could achieve a state of complete weightlessness. In other words, they could float. Even more sensational, this experiment has now been carried out on humans; some as beavy as 30 stone.

Leaked photographs taken "somewhere in England"show Russian volunteers floating at least 15 feet in the air and being secured by fishing lines. Professor Hatt explains: "At first, it was a bit tricky with the humans, especially the overweight Russian volunteers. We had to subject them to

continuous sminting before

But once we got the dose

right, we had them floating

on air for up to an hour at a

we saw any effect.

PHYSICISTS in Cam-

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bridge are close to solving the bizarre and baffling phenomenon of zero gravity sminting. A team led by Professor Albert E. Hatt, has been operating with scientists from both the USA and Russia to determine the effects of zero gravity sminting on humming birds.

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Sharp practice at the Foreign Office

ceived the end of her 33-year Foreign Office career. Nearly upright on the floral sofa in the sitting room of her small Chelsea house, she poses the question with characteristic understatement and awaits the answer with uncharacteristic nervousness.

The assumption, I tell her, is - to use the argot - that she was stitched up. "Stitched up." she muses, in the general direction of the patio garden. "Hmmmm." She gives an enigmatic smile and bends her head to examine her pink varnished nails, a gesture which may - or may not - be taken to be a nod. One would expect no less discretion from a woman who, until February this year, was Britain's most senior female diplomat

The demise of her highflying career took almost a year to reach its inglorious denouement. At the age of 56, she had for more than two years held the most influential post at the Foreign Office, that of political director. She was effectively ousted by being refused the plum posting many felt her service, intellect and experience merited -Ambassador to Paris. Instead,

she was offered Bonn, more than a year hence, by which time the Government might have changed. It was therefore an uncertain prospect. In the meantime her request to be promoted, from a Grade 2 to Grade I (the position held by the Ambassadors to Paris. Bonn, Washington and Moscow) was refused.

was a superlative endgame by the Foreign Office. Dame Pauline, however, was not easy to crack. She is, after all, the woman who led the British delegation at the Bosnia peace talks, served in Rhodesia during the Unilater dence, in Washington during Watergate, as Deputy Ambassador in Bonn during unification, and, in 1993, just before she was made political director, enjoyed a brief spell of notoriety as the first woman head of the Joint Intelligence Committee. "I have got a pretty high threshold for stress, but dealing with a personal problem is a quite different kind of stress. I was

determined not to panic. John Major made a halfhearted rescue attempt by offering her a job with him.

Dame Pauline Neville-Jones. formerly Britain's top female diplomat, talks for the first time about why she resigned. Interview by Sandra Parsons

'I can't

think it

do something, but it was late on in the game and the job he offered was not as highpowered as it was painted." She turned it down. She was "very pleased" when he then made her a Dame in the New Year's Honours List. Her Foreign Office enemies were not. The next day, the hostile leaks to national newspapers began. The first an unassuming

public received was a report in The Times on January 3. Headlined "Undiplomatic", it reported that the most senior woman in the Foreign Office was on the point of leaving. She had turned down the

chance to become British Ambassador to Bonn, furious that she had not been offered Paris. Her resignation a month later was covered by alevery most newspaper.

Her only previother than ous encounter with the press had been deliberate' when she was made head of the Joint Intelligence Committee. She was described then as a high-flyer who was

intelligence". This time, the largely nonattributable briefings from her colleagues had an altogether more sinister ring.

"shrewd, quick and vivacious,

with a penetrating analytical

he trouble, senior diplomats were quoted as saying, was that willed and abrasive". She was clever, yes, but perhaps not a top-drawer brain. Her staff found her intimidating. Her manner was not "sufficiently emollient for the niceties of

diplomatic life". Dame Pauline is a seasoned diplomat and the sort of woman whose professional implacability could, you feel. withstand anything from a troublesome local incident to full-blown war. But she was unprepared for an assault on the home front, and shocked in

"He very kindly contrived to dealing can be shocked when they discover that they are the

only one playing by the rules.

The code is that this is not something you go round talk-ing to the press about, and I was stunned, frankly, by what appeared," she says. "The way i was spoken about was sexist. it is true that I am strongwilled. But when a woman is in favour, she's called formidable. When she is out of favour,

she's strong-willed.
"What I left was they wanted to have their cake and eat it. They wanted all those qualities I had and some others which they thought I lacked. They wanted me ultimately to do what

"The story was distorted. I would have liked to go to Paris, but the realionly part of the anything complained. It was the point about promotion that really gave the cutting edge and which I felt strongly about."

She had suspected for some time that they were out to get her. Only after her appointment to political director did it transpire that the job was not the one she thought she had applied for. It had been reduced in power and scope, so that she had less authority than her counterparts in other foreign ministries. "I thought that was sharp practice. I can't think it was anything other than deliberate, but I don't

know why they did it." For one so intelligent, she is endearingly obdurate about admitting what is clearly the point the Establishment does warm to successful women, particularly if they are clever, attractive, and independent. "But I don't want to believe that it was because I

was a woman," she says. Her mother Dr Celia Winn, a refired consultant anaesthetist has no such qualms. "If you hit a glass ceiling, maybe you just have to move," she said at the time.

Part of the problem was that aithough her career took her into the heart of the Establishment, Dame Pauline was never really part of it. Her mother, father (who was killed in the Second World War, in North Africa, when she was two) and stepfather were all doctors. She grew up in Leeds and won a scholarship to Oxford, where she read history. Afterwards she wanted to go into industry. but when several big companies told her all she could

personnel, she chose the Foreign Office, even though it then required women to resign

upon marriage.
Although that rule was changed in 1972, when she was 33, Dame Pauline has never married. One might conclude that she has been betrayed by the career to which she gave the best years of her life but today, with a new job at NatWest that earns her almost three times more than her £70,000 Foreign Office salary, she is adamant that she sacri-

ficed nothing.
"I chose the Foreign Office and I don't regret it. On the question of my not marrying, it's very hard to say how much is me and how much of it my job. I think in the end it's probably me. I was proposed to once but I just knew it wasn't right, so I wasn't emotionally cut up. That would be one of the things that would scare me most, to marry out of

did come close once. I was in my thirties, but I suppose I wasn't that overwhelmingly convinced that this was it. I do think that probably it would have affected my career, but I don't think I shied off because of that. I think somehow we just realised it wasn't going to

"I have certainly had close relationships since then, but one way or another they haven't got to that point. There have been one or two where I have been fairly upset that it hasn't worked. But you recover. I have been in love and I would like to get married, ! have never at any stage decided either that I definitely won't, or that I must.

"People have told me they find me impenetrable; I don't claim has been made that men are frightened of me."

She insists she is not lonely You are aware of other people's family life and obviously one of the things you don't have is children. I never had that longing for a child. It was one of the things that I did worry about, whether I would feel there was a great part of had I got married that might have been stimulated."

She loves gardening, cooking and antiques. Birthdays are celebrated with friends, Christmas with her mother in Yorkshire. And then there is her new job: head of global business strategy at NatWest Markets, as high-powered as it gets and free of Civil Service pettifogging restrictions.

Although "sadder and wiser", she is resolutely philosophical. "I don't want to believe it was all deliberately schemed. There's absolutely no point in being angry or because there's only one person hurt by that, and that's yourself. Systems don't care, they march on."



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Day of dissent: those present at the secret seminar on Germany at Chequers, when Margaret Thatcher gave warning that it might not be long before the "unreliable" Germans would turn their economic might into political power

I was amazed ... her views weren't that different from Alf Garnett

eorge Lirban, the former Director-General of Radio Free Europe, which was established to broadcast to countries behind the Iron Curtain, was invited to join Margaret Thatcher's private band of policy advisers in 1981. She consulted him on foreign policy speeches and diplomatic initiatives for more than a decade, during

DIPLOMACY AND DISILLUSION

diary. For the first time, he reveals how his admiration for her turned to disillusion-

January 25, 1981 Yesterday's working lunch with Margaret Thatcher at Chequers was my first personal contact with the Prime Minister. My first impres-

sions: she is much softer and more feminine than I gathered from her appearances on television — a man's woman in slow decline. Even her voice struck me as low-key and inoffensive. She was friendly without being overwhelming.

courteous, and inquisitive only

within the limits of a warm-

ing-up session. In other words:

a model hostess. I took to her

I left feeling that this highly intelligent, well-informed and resolute lady would make mincement of the American leadership. What a pleasure to see a person of ideas in charge of declining Britain!

September 18-19, 1983 MT also impressed me as a lady of considerable learning. She is up to date on the latest literature on political theory, military, economic and social affairs. The PM even threw a quotation at me from Antigone - and she was excusing herself that she could no

longer remember it in Greek. My impression is that some of her increasingly numerous contacts with intellectuals have more than a practical purpose: she may be working on her image in history as a great stateswoman surrounded and respected by the leading brains of her time.

"How do you see the situation in Germany?" she asked.

Behind the backs of the Soviets, German unification is in fact quietly happening apace through a fast-growing number of economic ties, personal contacts and, of course, through the exceptional status German Democratic Republic exports enjoy on the markets of the EEC. We can already talk of a latent form of Ger-

man unification."
"What's so latent about it?" the PM asked. "We have known all about it for a long time, and we'd better be on our guard." This. and her tone, surprised me. I had expected that drawing East Germany into the Western orbit by stealth, as it were, would meet with her approval.

To balance her suspicions, I then told the PM that the German people were especially impressed by her record. They liked a clear-headed leader. They admired the way in which she dealt with the unions, her resolve to restore British sovereignty in the Falklands, and, in the last week, her unflappability after the Brighton bombing.

could still sense animus. I mentioned the centrality of Germany to all our and the great financial contribution the Germans have made to European unification. This did not go down well, either. "They have been simply paying repara-tions for all the things they did

during the war."
She said later: "You know I never believed that German nationalism was dead. Nor did I believe that it would be dormant for a long time. I always thought that when the next German generation were old enough to think and lead the country, the drive to reunite Germany would be there again. But we don't want that because there is no question that if the Germans were reunited they would, once again, dominate the whole of Europe." I found the strength of her views on Europe and Germany disturbing.

December 19, 1989

The occasion, on the previous day. December 18, was the Prime Minister's lunch for members of the board of directors of the Centre for Policy Studies. We were hav-ing drinks when the PM joined us accompanied by Geoffrey Howe (then Leader

of the House and Deputy Prime Minister).

She then launched into German reunification. Here I found an unexpected ally in David Willetts (CPS Director of Studies). David said he thought unification would be a good thing; true, it had to be done circumspectly, but it was, in any case, unstoppable: at

divided country, still controlled by the postwar arrangements. She came back to the point again and again that we had, in the four-power Berlin Agreement, a perfectly valid international instrument. This could, in her interpretation, be used by the four victorious powers to retain certain rights, and these could

Urban, far right, at a reception held by Mrs Thatcher

which the PM threw up her hands in horror: "No, not at all." It was clear that she was hostile to the whole idea on the ground of a rather old-fashioned nationalism. I was amazed to hear her uttering views about people and countries, especially Germany, which were not all that different from the Alf Garnett version of history.

The PM is extremely reluctant to see Germany assume a be enforced in an emergency. I found this preposterous and a prescription for disaster.

"You know, George," the PM said, coming close to me, "there are things that people of your generation and mine ought never to forget. We've been through the war and we know perfectly well what the Germans are like, and what dictators can do, and how national character doesn't basically change . . . " and so on.

man) and I tried to put in a corrective: "My impression has been." Hugh said. "that Nato and our defences have been created because we were threatened by the Soviet Union. Have we switched enemies?

"As soon as the Germans have fully recovered, they will reassert their hegemonic interests throughout. Eastern Europe," she went on I was distressed and so, I noticed, was Thomas.

The PM observed: "With the Central European countries reasserting their independence and all the ancient feuds and territorial disputes resurfacing, we may be going back to the state of affairs preceding the First World War."

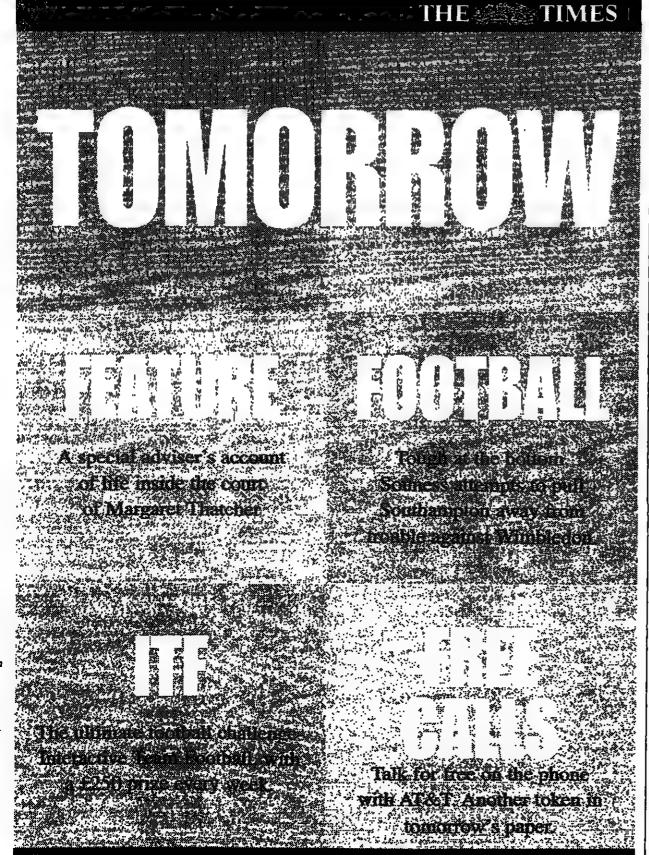
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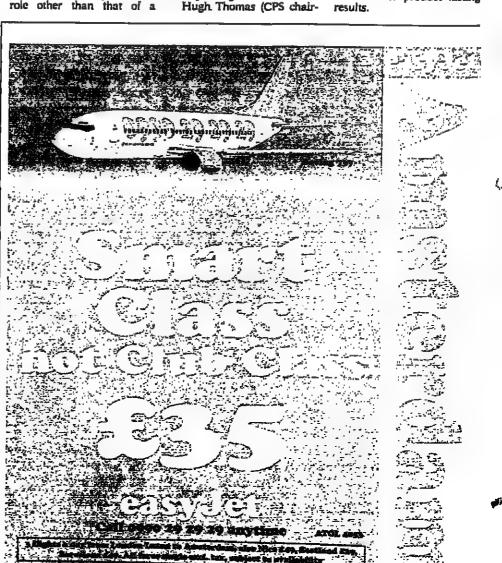
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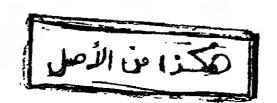
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I find the PM's sentiments narrow-gauged in the extreme. No sooner did Soviet power hit the rocks than she and her friends returned to the scenes of old mischief. They are in search of a new enemy.

But I will now record something I would have said to the PM very privately had there been an opportunity. The plain truth is that Margaret Thatcher is in many respects too good for Britain . . . She is cut out to be the leader of a nation with the thrift and work ethic of Japan. Germany. Switzerland, Taiwan, perhaps even the US, where her vision, resolve and free-market enthusiasm would produce lasting







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close advisers. Part One: the Prime Minister's growing anxiety over German unification

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Germany: how we were misrepresented by the Downing Street memo

March 25, 1990 An all-day seminar yesterday on Germany, at Chequers, at the invitation of the Prime

Those present were Margaret Thatcher and Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary; from the United States, two distinguished historians: Gordon Craig and Fritz Stern; on our side Lord Dacre of Glanton (Hugh Trevor-Roper), Timo-thy Garton Ash and Norman Stone from Oxford, and myself. The Prime Minister was assisted by Charles Powell, her foreign policy adviser and factorum at No 10. MT took the chair and

opened the discussion. We about the historical back-ground of Germany and the reliability of Germany as a future partner in Europe: to what extent was Germany, through its economic might. likely to become a politically over-powerful and perhaps even aggressive factor? And she made no secret of her conviction that Germany was historically a dangerous power, not only because of the First and Second World Wars, but because of the sheer size of her population, the diligence and discipline of her people. the unreliability (as she called it) of the German character, the likelihood of Germany embracing another "mission" in Europe and so on. In other words, it was fairly obvious from the moment she began speaking that her gut reactions were anti-German.

But the PM did not harangue us. She appeared to be genuinely anxious to find out what all these "distinguished" observers and historians had to tell her. My impression is that she rather expected our group to endorse her anti-Teutonic preconceptions, and that she probably invited the two Americans with that idea. especially in mind.

MT could have been in no doubt about the attitudes of Trevor-Roper, Stone and myself - three out of six. I should imagine she assumed that the Americans and perhaps Garton Ash would take a

more sceptical view. Not so. There was surprise in the air when, starting with Gordon Craig, followed by Trevor-Roper and then Fritz Stern, we all came up with analyses I would roughly summarise like this: while the "German mind" (if there is such a thing) is spiritually and intellectually FACE TO FACE AT CHEQUERS

not always easy to fathom, the Federal Republic has given a splendid account of its ability to run not only a democratic cratic system at that, with a strong element of social responsibility and institutional guarantees built into it. These could not be easily circumvented by a future extremist

Our general conclusion was that, while a certain amount of caution is always very much in order in politics, this is a "worthy" of British trust (1 found the condescending tone quite

intolerable). PM remained diplomatic but unconvinced, questions at us to express her deep doubts. We answered with courtesy and in impeccably scholarly terms. Procedurally, of course, we all deferred to her because she was in the chair, she was the Prime Minister. and our hostess. We didn't interrupt her interjections, which were many, although she frequently cut into our words

but that again is a Prime Minister's privilege.

There were no rows or even "words". But stage by stage, it emerged clearly enough that, collectively, we had very different views from those she was entertaining and especially those she had, damagingly enough, put on the record

It was fairly obvious that, in his bones, the Foreign Secretary was on our side of the

Before lunch, I said to him, standing some distance away from the rest of the group: "Well, it seems we are going to have quite a bit of an argument because some of our views on Germany are clearly not in line with those of the Prime Minister." Hurd answered rather quietly: "Don't let that worry you. We have already worked on her and she is changing. Speak your mind absolutely freely

because that's what we're here self as a visionary statesfor, and she would like to hear your and every one else's criticisms if that is what they are going to be." And, of course, we did just that,

At the end of a long day MT said: "Very well, very well, I am outnumbered round this table. I promise you that I shall be sweet to the Germans,

Urban was shocked by the PM's views

sweet to Helmut [Koh], the

German Chancelliori when he

comes next week, but I shall

not be defeated. I shall be

sweet to him but I will uphold

It was depressing to see that

her attitude to the whole

problem of Germany was so

much that of a novice, despite

the learned books she had

ostentatiously piled up in front

The contrast between her-

of her on the seminar table.

my principles."

the world (could this be wrong for a true Thatcherite?). And she was wondering how long it would be before German economic might were translated into political power - in which case she felt Germany would have won the Second World War, because what "the Germans" could not attain by force of arms "the Germans" would now be attaining by economic clout. I was ap-

woman with a world-view,

and Kohl the wurst-eating,

corpulent, plodding Teuton, has a long history in MT's imagination. Kohl's effective-

ness in Europe was, she

thought, due purely to the money in his pocket and the

respect money commanded in

Throughout these exchanges, it became more and more obvious that MT's status in her own eyes as the repository of truth and rectitude had grown enormously since my first meetings with

palled. Were these

the views of a re-

sponsible Prime

her in 1981 and 1982. She had become a lady of overweening self-confidence and self-importance, particularly, I should imagine, in her dealings with her inferiors in the bureaucracy and her colleagues in the Cabinet; and there are signs that this is How long will it be before opposition within the party erupts (it is aiready there) and threatens her leadership? As we were walking out to

get into our cars, Stone, Garton Ash and I huddled together. It was remarkable, we said, that our consensus should have developed quite independently. We were not in any way close friends - yet we all came to the same sort of conclusion: the PM's "instincts" were extremely wide of the mark. Craig and Stern dent since Kennedy would have had either the intellectual curiosity to enlist the views of scholars, or the ability to debate with them as an equal. They were too right. MT is a great lady even when she is

n July 15, 1990, almost four months after our meeting. Sunday published Powell's "confidential memorandum" on our discussion. It was an astounding document - not so much for what it actually reported (though what it did was in many places inaccurate enough), but for its unasham-

July 20, 1990 Charles Powell's version of what was said and concluded at Chequers is very much at odds with what actually happened. I was extremely upset. So, as I soon discovered, were the other British participants. Three years later, in October 1993, in Berlin, Lord Dacre asked me: "Have you done anything about the way we have been misrepresented in Charles Powell's memorandum? I haven't, but we should. I'm deeply embarrassed when German friends ask me: 'Do

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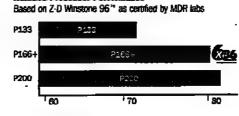
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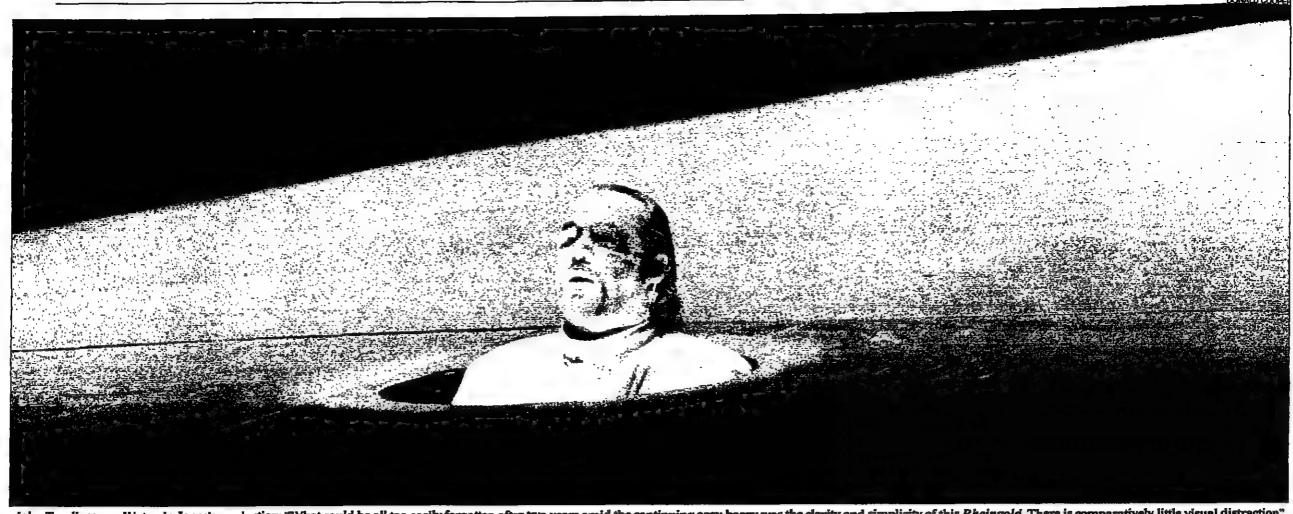


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John Tomlinson as Wotan in Jones's production: "What could be all too easily forgotten after two years amid the continuing argy-bargy was the clarity and simplicity of this Rheingold. There is comparatively little visual distraction"

o what was all the fuss about? The Richard Jones-Nigel Lowery Ring production has been one of the great operatic controversies for two years now, with opposing sides becoming ever more deeply entrenched, hard words exchanged. friendships terminated, marriages threatened - I exaggerate, of course, but only slightly. The operatic fraternity is split right down the middle, and the only point on which all agree is that there has been nothing quite like it before: it is fresh, original and - I think — quite wonderful as far as this expository Prologue is

It is only sad that the first complete cycles are so far spaced out, and we have to wait for ten

Nothing quite like it vivid, detailed response to the text. nine children (or is it just one?

days for the next instalment. This is a marketing disadvantage, too. since visitors from outside London can't catch the first two cycles within a week (attending Rings is some people's idea of a holiday). What could be all too easily

forgotten after two years amid the continuing argy-bargy was the clarity and simplicity of this Rheingold. There is comparatively little visual distraction: each stage of the ethico-political power game is conveyed through the singers, and through their and Jones's

This Rheingold really is directed. and directed on notes, words and people. All right, there are those gold shoes representing Alberich's horde, and I still don't quite understand the jumbo jet, but in the context of the whole such symbols are less puzzling or distracting then they were. It's good to be reminded where Brünnhilde's famous paper bag came from -Nibelheim.

And, since his productions are living organisms rather than someDas Rheingold Covent Garden

thing set in stone, Jones has changed details and clarified a number of points. The Strictly Ballroom Erda works far better: she is "placed" earlier, and is sung (by Catherine Wyn-Rogers, very well) on stage rather than from the - all gain. Her intimacy with Wotan should be no surprise: she is, after all, about to bear him

Wagnerians can't agree). A minor adjustment to Wotan's costume (short sleeves) subtly changes his character, and as sung by John Tomlinson (in stentorian form) he is even less someone you would want to meet on a dark night.

The greatest change comes with the new Loge, Philip Langridge. Rather anonymous last time, Loge is now a sleazy, gum-chewing spiv with an Arfur English pencil-line moustache and slouch hat on the back of his head. That may not sound like everyone's idea of a Nordic deity, but Langridge's impersonation is one of dazzling, understated wit and, it goes without saying, bewitchingly well sung. There are new Giants in Peter Rose and Matthias Hölle, both excellent, and I love the roly-poly, Rubensesque Rhinemaidens. Jane Henschel (Fricka) and Ekkehard Wlaschiha (the Max Wall-style Alberich) are as compelling as

The grotesquerie of the mythical figures is thrown into sharp relief

by the elements, those still, calm observers who represent the waters of the Rhine, the natural world despoiled. The final image remains both exhilarating and numbing: the gods in full evening dress stumble over the giant's corpse to chase hysterically after the elusive star of Valhalla, while a single blue dancer-wave in an attitude of utter despair slides upside down into a crevice. This is a blindingly true

response to Wagner's vision. Haitink's conducting seems marginally fleeter than before, just as evenly paced, and just as achingly tender in its treatment of the music for the principle of human love heedlessly jettisoned in the power game. The orchestral playing, so clear, so liquidly expressive, is

Fine talent lost in the remix

COMING from a background in contemporary dance, Alison Limerick emerged on record through the crossover club hit Where Love Lives in 1991. An album followed the next year, by which time a reputation as a vocalist of substance and style was established. The same year saw her first Top 20 success with another beat-filled pop entry. Make It On My Own.

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But the next three years brought declining chart success, and this summer Limerick found that all her moves on pop's snakes and ladders board had landed her back at square one. In a spurious and increasingly familiar marketing tactic, her career has been resurrected by remixes. Thus Where Love Lives,

rejigged by the pre-eminent DIs of the day, roared to the Top Ten in July, and two weeks ago Make It On My Own was dressed up in new clothes for another shallow revival. While Limerick may yet be able to use their reappearance to jump-start her career, the chief beneficiaries of such vacuous retailing are likely, as usual, to be the remixers and not the artist. None of which would be

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particular cause for indignation if Limerick were not such a capable vocal artist, as she showed at the Jazz Cafe. Dovetailing with backing vo-calists Blue and Sophia Jones and a well-drilled band, she showed herself quite conversant in soul and funk idioms with No Way Out and the new composition No Pain, No Gain, recalling the serpentine 1970s grooves of the Ohio Players. With her shaven head and snake hips, she could almost have come straight from one of their famous

album covers. Significantly, her performance of Where Love Lives accentuated the soulful qualities of the song rather than playing up its undoubted floor-filling capabilities. All she needs to do is perfect a more confident stage persona and survive the shameless hawking of her vocal assets.

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The consolation for those

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Madzar is that he was one of

two finalists to be awarded a

Naxos prize. The other Naxos

CD contract went to Ilya Itin,

the 29-year-old Russian who

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of that year and its brutal suppression by tsarist forces. The icy, sustained chords of the opening Adagio represent the deserted square in front of the St Petersburg Winter Palace, while the savage massacre is graphically portrayed in the turnultuous second movement. Or is it? The Eleventh Symphony

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Shostakovich's Eleventh

phony Orchestra.

MUSIC: Gerald Larner on the Leeds Piano Competition; plus, the LSO

The Leeds International Pianoforte Competition has produced some outstandingly successful second and third-prize winners in previous years. Mitsuko Uchida and Andras Schiff (both of whom were placed behind Dmitri Alexeev in 1975) being the most encouraging examples. So there is no reason why Aleksandar Madzar, the third-prize winner but also the most imaginative musician among the 1996 finalists. should not have an interest-

ing career ahead of him. A 28-year-old Yugoslav who lists Gyorgy Kurtag among his teachers, Madzar was the one who chose not to play Rachmaninov. He offered a highly intelligent and at times positively inspired

ONE of the undoubted sensations of 1995 was Maxim Vengerov's recording of the first violin concertos of Shostako vich and Prokofiev with Mstislav Rostropovich and the London Symphony Orchestra. On Thursday night the same soloist, conductor and orchestra gave Shostakovich's Second Violin Concerto at the Barbican, and last night they performed the second of Prokofiev's. In between, they visited the Abbey Road studios to commit both works to

disc, for release by Teldec next year.

To judge by Thursday's electrifying performance, the second disc is likely to be as resounding a success as the first. The late date of Shostakovich's lesserknown violin concerto (1967) places it in the company of the darkly introspective works of that period. Vengerov's mag-nificently sustained, elegiae Adagio engaged perfectly with that characteristic strain of the composer. What took the audience's collective breath away. however, was the sheer animal energy and passion that drove his delivery of the outer movements. This was fervent,

was declared overall winner Third Piano Concerto, touchby the Leeds jury and who ing sounds which were not was also (and mysteriously) only thrilling in themselves. given the Contemporary like his spine-chilling planis-Music Prize. simos in the second movement, but which were also

pianist of formidable accomplishment, Itin was one of three finalists who chose to play Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody and the only one who did not falter. He was also the only one with the breadth of technique and the sheer physical strength to do justice to large-scale Rachmaninov. The second-prize winner, the 26-year-old Italian Roberto Cominati, gave an elegant but lightweight account of the Second Piano Concerto in C minor.

With no British planist in the final, the audience seems to have attached itself to Sa Chen, the 17-year-old citizen of the People's Republic of China who also endeared herself to the TV millions by handing her bouquets to Ranie and the CBSO leader. She came to Leeds with little knowledge of Western cul-ture and, after playing the Paganini Rhapsody with admirable skill and enviable naturalness, was awarded

fourth prize. Fifth prize went to the 28year-old Armenian, Armen Babakhanian, who offered a contrastingly mannered in-terpretation of the same work; the south went to the 20year-old Israeli, Ekaterina Apikisheva, who gave an attractively coloured performance of the Piano Concerto in C minor.

was written in the aftermath of the Hot passion Hungarian uprising of 1956 and we now know that the violent repression and the chill depicted in it was read by some in the first audience as an indictment of brutality closer to home. Terror is the underlying state of mind in the Allegro sections of that second hand of terror movement, and Rostropovich and his

forces captured that emotion with alarming immediacy. The frosty sonorities of the first movement suggested, in this context a more abstract, universal message, while the third movement Adagio. In Memoriam, sang eloquently of the pain deep in the Russian soul. Shostakovich's celebrations of the Bolshevik risings were genuine enough, if overlaid, in symphonies such as the Eleventh, with despair at how they were later betrayed. Rostropovich's hell-for-leather account of the

finale, with the superb LSO in full cry,

captured to perfection the rich ambigu-ities of this extraordinary work.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Bebop with gypsy guitar

two to play themselves into their best form, but Martin Taylor's acoustic group, based on a modified Hot Club of France format, opened their first set of a four-night residencv at Ronnie Scott's with such precision, attack and bite that they might have been nearing the end of a two-hour concert. Taylor's incisive guitar, with the metallic timbre of the best gypsy players, combines with Dave O'Higgins's saxophones and Jack Emblow's accordion to give the band a characteristically bright melodic line over the insistent rhythm of John Goldie, Terry Gregory and Taylor's son, James.

Some of the set was built around Taylor's new album, Years Apart (on which he teamed up again with his long-term former boss, Stephane Grappelli), but the band dug back to its formative days for numbers dating from its soundtracks to the Nicole and Papa car ads, easily evoking a French ambience.

Taylor won over his talkative audience with all the guile of a gypsy guitarist, clambering up through successive key changes on I Can't Give You Anything But Love. and including a medley of Romany tunes. It takes supreme self-confidence to lower the bass strings of the guitar while playing, but Taylor, swapping anxious grins with his band, wound down his E string on the gypsy tune Czardas, before setting off at a gallop on the upper strings in

a whirling gypsy dance.

Had he lived, Django Reinhardt would surely have approved of Taylor's music. Reinhardt embraced the amJAZZ

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Ronnie Scott's, Birmingham plified guitar well in advance of most of his gypsy colleagues, and he welcomed the newer harmonies of bebop

with such aplomb that when

he arrived in America in 1946.

his first question "Where's Dizzy?". Taylor has extended the direction Reinhardt was taking in the early 1950s, and his neat arrangements combine half-step alternations between phrases and passing chord substitutions with riffs that never compromise the integrity of the Hot Club sound. In O'Higgins, Taylor has a soloist who shows how effortlessly the language of post-bop playing combines with the gypsy tradition, while Emblow's nimble and provocative accordion solos prove that there ! genuinely is life after Sing

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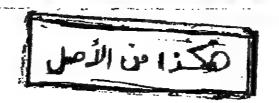
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THEATRE: Robert Lepage's Hiroshima marathon arrives at the National; plus, George Eliot adapted for the stage in Wales

of the River Ota

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t this year's Edinburgh Festival Robert Lepage's Elsinore turned out to be as short as a play could be, for technical gremlins prevented it opening at all. That is far from the problem with his Seven Streams. In the two years since it first hit Edinburgh it has doubled its three-and-a-half-hour length and split

into two. Whether you see these halves on consecutive nights, or from 2.45 to 10.30 on the next two Saturdays and Sundays, they will leave The Seven Streams you boggling at the Canadian auteur's imaddening mix of imaginative daring,

longwindedness, dramatic tension. dramatic laxity, cultural curiosity, humour and pain. There are two episodes which show

'him and Quebec's Ex Machina company at their best, one in the first half, the other at the start of the less satisfactory second. Patrick Goyette's Jeffrey, who has Aids, gets himself Dutch citizenship and, along with the passport, a Dutch doctor's help in putting him out of his misery. The scene in which he and those who care for him sit quietly, gravely waiting while the medico efficiently organises her needles and drip-feeds is as distressingly real and morally unsettling as anything I've seen this decade. Here, an understated naturalism

rules. The other scene, which involves a Czech-Jewish woman's memories of a death camp, demands and gets a fiercer approach. Angled mirrors appear, throwing multiple reflections towards the back of the stage. What seem to be scores of men and women in 1940s hats and overcoats run past.

Stars of David appear on their lapels. Their pace gets faster, more hectic and then, just as suddenly, we are in a prison dormitory and launched into a tale that owes something to Fania Fencion's Playing for Time, something to Madam Butterfly, and plenty to Lepage's own creative vitality.

The 1994 version of the play included that scene but did not visit Holland or touch on the subject of euthanasia.

Lengthening has brought new characters and sweeping changes. But if we see a lot less of Ghislaine Vincent's Czech, we see more of what can literally and meta-

phorically be called the fallout of the last war. The balance has tilted away from Jana and the Holocaust and towards the impact of Hiroshima.

Lepage has set much of the play there. Indeed, he starts in 1945, with a scene in which an American military cameraman has an affair with a slowly dying Hiroshima woman. Then it's off to the 1960s New York lodging house in which his legitimate American and illegitimate Japanese son - Normand Daneau's withdrawn Jeffrey Yamashita as well as Goyette's feisty Jeffrey O'Connor — live side by side without knowing it. As the action continues through the 1980s to 1997, there are reconciliations, partings, spiritual changes, and several deaths. But do we end up believing the voice that says at the beginning that Hiroshima is a place of enlightenment and rebirth as well as destruction? Not as fully as Lepage must hope.



Marie Gignac in Lepage's epic play about the aftermath of Hiroshima

bly a Canadian diplomat and his brash wife, do not wholly earn their keep, and some incidents, starting with a performance of Feydeau's Lady from Maxims seen from the back of an Osaka stage, seem questionably relevant. Yet you never doubt Lepage's ear for a tense, loaded line, still less his eye for a

startling image.

Again and again he achieves bril-Some scenes, especially the first, liantly striking effects on the long, low need trimming. Some characters, nota-strip of stage where his saga unfolds:

and never more so than when he evokes the mess and grot of tenement Manhattan by concentrating the action in three doll's-house rooms, principally a run-down bathroom where the world comes to wash, excrete, exchange party talk, develop photos and rehearse beat poetry late at night. What director but Lepage could have concocted so wonderfully quirky a scene? None.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

ing criminal squirearchy and comedy yokels. Johnson Willis's Silas does little but wall, scuttle and stare.

The set hardly makes the village more real. The arches of Silas's cottage, lit in peppermint green, are draped with peach veils. To help us to dentify different dwellings, the villagers lug some sort of prehistoric park bench on and

off a plinth. Curiously fine, though, are the unaccompanied mournful (composer Peter Knight), the spirited Christmas carolling and the final celebratory clog stomp.

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down a storm. Shared Experience took one's breath away with its theatrical vision of Mill on the Floss. Theatre Clwyd's Silas Marner is an extremely poor cousin to that bewitchingly inventive pro-

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screen, Middlemarch went

duction. George Eliot's morai novel about love and money, where a miserly weaver is born again when blessed with an orphan-child to cherish, is itself pretty heavy-handed. The wicked come to sticky ends. Good folks are rewarded if they wait long enough. Tim Baker's supposedly creative staging of Silas,

Limp as an orphaned rag

sketchily adapted by Greg Culien, copies ideas from elsewhere, awkwardly. The cast has a crack at pretending to gallop on horseback. Silas's well-meaning neighbour Dolly mimes cuddling her darling infant boy who, going by his dimensions, may well be an imaginary cardboard box. Then, of course, the orphanbaby Eppie must arrive at

Silas's door. Eliot's goldencurled cherub, replacing Silas's stolen coins with untainted human love, is his ray of hope. Our Eppie, though, is

Silas Marner Theatre Clwyd

a sorry length of fabric. Hanging limply from an actress's hand, Eppie the Cloth does not crawl or toddle. She trails in. "P'raps," suggests our optimistic rustic narrator, appraising this crucial moment. "twere a miracle." Not for me,

Ah well. A ventriloquising Nicola Reynolds whimpers and gurgles very cleverly,

exactly like a teeny sprog, and is also a sweet and sincere older Eppie. Stephanie Jacob's Dolly manages to be decently rounded, and Jules Davison's Nancy, wedded to Eppie's aristocratic natural father, grows disturbingly insistent, offering Eppie a wealthy life at the Hall because her own marriage has proved barren, concealing need behind a charitable gesture.

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It was the late 1960s. Harold Macmillan's Government had given way (after Sir Alec Douglas-Home's) to Harold Wilson's. Differences existed between the parties and Mr Wilson was to become personally controversial, but the divisiveness centred more on questions of competence and leadership: was Wilson, Douglas-Home or Ted Heath most fit to run a "mixed economy"?

That the governance of petent management of a mixed economy was hardly questioned. This, we were sure, was the way all the free-world governments in Europe were going. The Scandinavians were much admired, and Willi Brandt was soon to lead Germany in a similar direction. The prevailing wisdom considered a capitalist and unregulated free market to be primitive and outdated, and

Marxism-Leninism unacceptably repressive. Thinking

temporary people were misleadingly agreed orthodoxy on a middle way: posing as a partly market, partly State-concommon trolled economy. in which a dy-

namic State regulated business, channelled investment and would eventually control prices and income. Government would direct the national effort in economic and social affairs.

We were optimistic about welfare. The status of the social worker was high and growing: much, it was thought, could be achieved by enlightened state help and (sometimes) coercion.

it was not the End of History, because the great clash between East and West rumbled around the horizon. But among men and women of intelligence and goodwill - sensible people, nice people — there was consensus on the big questions. Political parties platforms reflected it. Western Europe was nearing the End of Ideology: that, at any rate, was what it was fashionable to believe, and absurd though it appears with hindsight - it was very

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compelling. It was, or seemed to be. common sense. Little did we realise that beneath the apparent consensus, huge, ancient and opposing forces were still at work. Their battle lay more than a decade ahead

I see the fushion is coming around again. This time the common sense is different. It is that the coercive State is ineffective; that the small battalions of communities, agencies, charities, local authorities, must be nurtured; that the great levers of economic management hardly lie within a Chancellor's grasp today, and that questions of growth, employment,

interest rates and business management fall increasingly under the spell of something just arrived, called The Global Economy; as if nations did not

round. -One would not accuse Tony Blair, Libby Purves, Peter Riddell or Simon Jenkins of following fashion; to a degree they help to create it. But when Miss Purves celebrates the end of "isms": Mr Riddell finds Chancellors of all parties the prisoners alike of modern realities; Mr Jenkins supposes Mr Blair's and Mr Major's philosophies so similar that debate should give way to chat; Mr Blair thinks that to snap "We're not going back to the past" is an adequate response to great, enduring moral and practical ques-tions about workers' rights to collective action, or public control of monopoly utilities... then I sense the outbreak of a delusion as old as history: temporary orthodoxy posing as com-

mon sense. "Budgets," my friend Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Europe, writes in The Independent will be

increasingly in-cremental in the years ahead ... they will rarely A delusion: contain any measures that alter the big picture."
This is all very comforting, par-

ticularly to Mr Blair. The band he should have joined in youth might have been not Ugly Rumours but Status Quo. Unable to provide the moral argument for the status quo, and nervous about ugly rumours that some of his party do not like the status quo, Mr Blair has every interest in persuading us that a Labour Prime Minister would be "in any event" a prisoner of the sta-

tus quo and of his time. All prime ministers are buffeted by events larger than they can control. So are skippers in storms. But you can still steer your ship on to or off the rocks. We steer not only by charts but by instinct. I am prepared to believe that to "new" Labour, to the Liberal Democrats and to the Conservative Party, the charts now look more similar than in

Some of the instincts, however, remain profoundly different. Some of the rocks, far from having been made safe by "ideologyfree" methods of modern navigation, remain what they were: the old, hard

Messrs Major, Blair and Ashdown may seem alike in their moderation and their amiability: but behind each. huge, ancient and opposing forces are at work: forces of class, of interest and of belief. Beneath the apparent similarities of the three sanitised party conferences whose season starts today those forces are still there: still opposed, still and forever - pace Purves, Jenkins, Blair, Riddell and Briscoe -

If there are more cads about, it is because the late 20th century has been so favourable an environment

The Right Rev Roderick Wright is a bounder-bishop. He has abandoned his first mistress. he has neglected his son, he formed a relationship with his present mistress while counselling her, he has caused scandal to his diocese, he has lied repeatedly to his superiors, he has capped it all by selling his story to the News of the World. Even if he were not a bishop, he would be a cad. This is not a great tragedy of a man who could not handle the problems of celibacy; it is a miserable little story of a man who cannot be relied on, who has consistently proved untrustworthy. When men are bounders, or women are bounder-persons, there is usually sex in it, but there is also usually money; almost always there are lies, always there is betrayal. This is the natural defence of the incorrigible lightweight against personal re-

It is all a question of character. Human society depends on the reli-ability of personal conduct, which calls for strength. No marriage survives unless there is steadfastness on both sides, unless it is possible for the partners to trust each other. No institution can survive unless the majority of its members, and the great majority of its leaders, can be trusted. There has therefore to be a sense of honour in human affairs. The bounder has an inadequately developed sense of honour, or is unable to stick by whatever feelings of honour he may possess. Of course, honourable people sometimes fall short of their own standards: human beings are subject to temptation and their conduct is not consistent. But there is all the difference in the world between the occasional failing of basically honourable people and the slipshod behaviour of bounders, of the people who live outside the rules.

The modern world is full of people who are "the wrong stuff", some of

Why the bounders are flourishing today

authority than the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. As Bill Clinton is Presi-dent of the United States, and seems almost certain to be re-elected, people are reluctant to believe that he too is a man of weak and untrustworthy character. Yet Roger Morris, in his re-cent book on the Clintons, Partners in Power, makes an unanswerable case. The conclusion, and Mr Morris is a liberal not a neo-conservative, reads grimly: "On the eve of their re-election campaign, the Clintons are under scrutiny by special prosecutors and federal grand juries, in civil and even criminal cases, from Little Rock and Mount Ida, Arkansas, to Washington DC. The subjects under investigation range from sexual exploitation and petry abuses of power to bribery, obstruction of justice, financial corruption and election fraud... by the spring and summer of 1996 investigators from one congressional committee have begun to gather sworn testimony linking the President of the United States to drug money and organised crime." The Clinton record shows sex, money, lies

and betrayals. So there is not only a bounder bishop, but, more powerfully, a bounder-President. There are also the other British examples. As we were reading with growing astonishment about the bishop, the Financial Times was serialising All That Glitters, an excellent new book on Nick Leeson by John Gapper and Nicholas

in the Leeson story - his wife is the one person who comes well out of it but there is plenty of money, lies and betrayals. He single-handedly destroyed the old Barings Bank by concealing his disastrous speculations from his colleagues. They can be criticised for failing to see what he was doing. He wanted to look like a hero. There have been other, more recent, cases in which senior people in banks have abused the trust of their colleagues or their clients. The boun-der-banker is as well established as the

William Rees-Mogg

The Royal Family has been plagued with bounders in recent years. Lord Charteris was undoubtedly right when he said, in a rare moment of apparent indiscretion, that the Duchess of York was "vulgar, vulgar". Her choice of friends seems to have run to bounders to an almost preposterous degree; there were so many of them, and their degree of bounderishness puts Roddy Wright, as he seems now to be called, in the shade.

Major James Hewitt, and Anna Pasternak who turned his creepy love

sickly kind, can both be regarded as super-bounderpersons. He came from a good regiment: she comes from a distinguished Russian family. It always adds relish to such conduct when people have been trained in a code of honour and are not acting out of mere ignorance. If it comes to that, the Roman Catholic clergy are trained to accept a strict morality in their seminaries. The bishop himself can hardly claim not to know what good behaviour should be.

ne does not need to list the parliamentary bounders who appeared, one after the other. after John Major's last speech on morality. One can only hope that his return to the theme of morality this autumn will not cause a further crop to fall out of the trees. David Mellor's photograph, trying to wrap him in his family as some politicians have wrapped themselves in the flag, was a memorable example of the good taste of the last set of Tory scandals.

There are two questions. Why do we have so many such people nowadays? How do they get into such senior positions? There have always been bounders about. They are like microbes that take advantage of any weakening of the immune system. The Royal Family has almost always harboured some in its bosom. The personal friends of Henry V as a young man left much to be desired, but when he became King he threw

them off. Shakespeare makes him say: "I have turned away my former self; So will I those that keep me company." The hangers-on of George IV, Edward VII or Edward VIII when they were Princes of Wales were of much the same sort. There have always been undesirables in both Houses of Parliament and no churches or regiments have been completely free of them.

If there are more bounders about now, it is because, like mosquitoes in a stagnant swamp, the late 20thcentury environment has been so favourable. The 1960s were a decade of particular hostility to the necessary disciplines of life. The disciplines of sex were ridiculed; money was easy to come by: relativist morality was the language of the professors; a generalised rebellion against authority was in the air. Even Mr Clinton's amoral career can partly be explained, as Mr Morris shows, by the misfortune of growing up in the 1960s and in Arkansas. I doubt if the Oxford of the late 1960s, with its antiauthority graffiti on the walls of the colleges, was much better for him.

Ancient institutions have lost their self-confidence. Anyone should have been able to see that Sarah would not make a Duchess. Bill would not make a President, James would not make an officer and Roddy would not make a bishop. They lack the moral fibre for the job; they are the wrong stuff. We have also lost the self-confidence to laugh at self-serving clowns. The best antiseptic for bounders is to accept them as part of the absurdity of life. As the music-hall song put it:

List to me as I tell you of the Spaniard who blighted my life. List to me as I tell you of the man who stole my future wife. If I catch the bounder, the blighter, I'll kill ... I'll raise a bunion on his Spanish onion I catch him bending tonight."

That is the right attitude.

Courting the country party

Liberal Democrats

need Blair, but many won't admit

it, says

Peter Riddell

ony Blair has offered the Liberal Democrats a future as players in national politics. But the party will spend much of its conference kicking against this destiny. Speakers will patronise "new" Labour for its timidity and caution and will assert their distinctive identity. Party conferences are always exercises in self-esteem, so this is par for the course. This year there is real, if temporary, indignation about Mr Blair's clumsy handling of a referendum on Scottish devolution. So some Labour-bashing may suit the leadership as a distraction from questions about postelection deals. But many Liberal Democrats seem unsure whether Mr Blair is an ally or a threat.

Paddy Ashdown is in no doubt. He knows that Mr Blair is offering the Liberal Democrats a big opportunity. After all, their sole period of peacetime influence on national government during the past 75 years was indirectly, and messily, during the Lib-Lab pact of 1977-78. But in contrast with Labour's scrabbling for Commons votes then, Mr Blair wants a broadly based politics not out of parliamentary necessity but out of choice. He often acknowledges Labour's debt to Liberal thinkers like Keynes and Beveridge, and says he wants to end the century-old division in radical politics between Labour and Liberal by creating a progressive alliance on the Centre Left. What form this might take would depend on the election result. But even if Labour wins a comfortable majority, my hunch is that Mr Blair would still seek a co-operative arrangement with the Liberal Democrats.

After being temporarily destab-ilised by Mr Blair's election two years



Trying to stake out new ground: Paddy Ashdown at his party's conference in Brighton yesterday

ago, the Liberal Democrats have recovered their self-confidence and Mr Ashdown has steered his party towards the idea of co-operation. The old policy of "equidistance" between Tory and Labour has been formally abandoned. But there is no talk of electoral pacts or deals since they are unacceptable to either party now although there are increased links between party spokesmen. Mr Ashdown has also shifted on proportional representation. Progress towards reform would still be an essential part of any agreed programme, but he would not insist on legislation for a particular system as a precondition. He believes the public will not support change until it is persuaded that PR is safe — and that campaign has not been won. Instead, to avoid the equivocal stance taken by Labour in 1978 over PR for the European

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elections. Mr Ashdown wants Mr Blair not only to honour his pledge of a referendum, but also to back the principle of changing the current

The Liberal Democrats are trying to stake out their own ground by stressing their willingness to take bold and "radical" positions. Labour's caution has left Mr Ashdown room to use his characteristic "We are the only party that will be honest with you" line. Clarity is his new watchword. There will be plenty of self-righteous though partly justi-fied talk in Brighton about the party being the only one not to dodge tough decisions on taxes and Europe. In place of the past emphasis on re-straining Labour, Mr Ashdown is now selling the Liberal Democrats as the party to ensure that a Blair government delivers on education, health and the environment.

A self-consciously daring approach may be better in general than in detail. The Tories last week released a poll showing that many Liberal Democrat supporters did not under-stand its policies and disagreed with its support for closer European integration and its proposals to raise, if necessary, the basic rate of income tax to provide extra money for schools. The Tories will portray the Liberal Democrats as a left-of-centre party: the electoral market for candour over tax (including raising the top rate from 40 to 50 per cent for those earning above £100,000) may be smaller than Mr Ashdown thinks. But they are now the main challenger to the Tories in much of rural and

small-town England, especially in the South West. The party hopes to boost its current total of 25 seats (including four by-election gains and one ex-Tory defector) up to nearer 40 by targeting and by encouraging tactical voting by those wanting to oust a

The Liberal Democrats and Labour are complementary, both geographically and ideologically in their belief in active government. This is brought out in The Liberal Democrats, a new series of essays on the party edited by Don MacIver. Its members are a more middle-class and highly educated version of Labour's: half work in the public sector. But there are also key differences. The Liberal Democrats have much looser links to the unions.

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Most of important of all, the heart of the Liberal Democrats is in local government, where its greatest successes have come over the past decade. Many activists are more interested in social issues than macroeconomics or foreign policy. and have views nearer to "old Labour than the Blairites, or on occasions Mr Ashdown, on housing. health, education and the market economy. Some activists are wary of making national commitments which could be damaging locally. It would not be only Liz Lynne and a few other soundbite populists who would oppose any deal with Labour.

enzies Campbell, one of the party's shrewdest MPs, argued in his lecture yesterday that "the concentration on local government too often gives the impression that in it lies most if not all of our aspirations. There is insufficient focus on Westminster save at general elections or in the heady atmosphere of a by-election".

For many of those in Brighton, sucess in the county council elections on May I matters as much as, if not more than, success in a concurrent general election. The Liberal Democrats are already the second party of local government, but they have yet to show they are prepared for the role in national government which Mr Blair is now suggesting and Mr Ashdown has for so long sought.

Well-baked

THE intriguing revelation that Harold Pinter had a seven-year affair with the television presenter Joan Bakewell, and that his play Betraval was based on that liaison and not his later relationship with Lady Antonia Fraser, has a further twist. Lady Antonia also used "the thinking man's crumpet" as a model for her fiction. Jemima Shore. the TV reporter in her thriller novel series, is based on Bakewell.

According to Michael Billington's forthcoming biography of Pinter, the playwright was in-volved with Bakewell between 1962

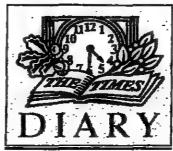
tuous marriage to the actress Vivien Merchant, whom he left for Lady Antonia, Lady Antonia's first detective novel. Quiet As A Nun, was published in 1977, a year before Betrayal was staged but at a time when Lady Antonia's affair with Pinter was well established. Back then she said: "I based the professional side of Jemima on my

and 1969 when he was in a tempes-

good friend Joan Bakewell. I let her read the manuscript to make sure that I hadn't made any obvious howlers. Most of all, I wanted Jemima to be a fantasy figure — the



Joan Bakewell, left, and Antonia Fraser: real-life plots



complete opposite of myself. Through writing about Jemima. I could be all the things I'm not . . . ! gave her every quality I could never have. She's aggressive but vulnerable . . . I have no aggressive instinct."

All very friendly. But, in retrospect, perhaps on the inside she was smiling the smile of the cat the Bakewell/Jemima Shore character to another interviewer and added: "Of course, if I'd wanted to be like that, I would have been."

 Dr Anne Lee, the businesswoman with no experience of teaching who resigned as head of Malvern Girls College earlier this year after telling Panorama she expected that many of her pupils had come in contact with drugs, is to join Queenswood, another of the so-called "big nine" girls public schools. "She is," says Clarissa Farr. Queenswood's Principal. deeply committed to the standards and ideals we believe in."

Forceful

IN HIS diaries, Sir Alec Guinness recollects our recent meeting when we discussed his retirement. In My Name Escapes Me: Diary of a Retiring Actor. Sir Alec reiterates one thing he told me then, that he would not be starring in any new Star Wars movies, However, the talk sweeping Hollywoood is that he will now be appearing — as the young Obi-Wan Kenobi — in the prequels" being plotted by George

It is said that technical wizards are planning to create the face of the youthful Jedi knight by super-imposing footage of the young Guinness on film of him as Obi-Wan, then sticking this "mask" on the body of an actor performing in the new films. He is 82; may the force be with him.

Stamp duty

AMID all her troubles, the Queen is already looking forward to a brighter 1997. After vetoing a set of stamps to mark her 70th anniversa-

ry this year because of the turmoil in her family, she has agreed to a slew of different sets in her goldenwedding anniversary year. Her Majesty will be the first Queen regnant, and only the second monarch (after George III) to celebrate such a marital landmark. For the first time, gold "definitive stamps" - those that feature only Her Majesty's head on a plain background will be issued

And that is only the start of



"I thought it might spice

it. The stamps will be complemented by a special set featuring photographs by Lord Snowdon. Another will feature the Queen's horses and further royal flavour will come in the form of a series depicting the Tudor monarchs. These will be a timely reminder that Her Majesty has just passed the 44 years and 127 days that Elizabeth f

• Another blow on the chin for the Krays, the gangster brothers who loved boxing and enjoyed posing for pictures dresssed for the ring. Leonard "Nipper" Road, the detec-tive who put them behind bars, has been made chairman of the British Boxing Board of Control.

Beer we go

IF John Major finds himself out of job after the election, his most hospitable sanctuary might be with the saloon bar politicians of The Woodman public house in the Surrey village of Woodmansterne. After the Prime Minister popped in for a pint of lager on his way to his niece's wedding in Sutton earlier this month, the landlord said he wants to name the pub after him.

"I am seeing the brewery this week and will suggest the idea." says the manager Enda Browne.

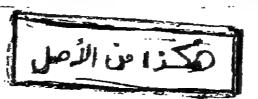


John Major in Browne's pub

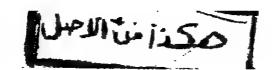
"Either The John Major or The Grey Man." Even if his superiors don't agree to change a name that has been in existence for generations. Browne hopes he will be able to name his bar after the Prime Minister and plans to repaint the door of his office like Number 10. Brass plaques are to be placed above the bar and on the chairs

where John and Norma sat. Mr Browne says: "We thought about the name 'Norma's' but we could not have the lads saying 'I'm going to Norma's for a pint': their wives wouldn't like it."

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THATCHER'S GERMANS

Divided counsel and distorted minutes: an adviser remembers

It requires an effort of imagination to transport ourselves back to the early 1980s, when Margaret Thatcher was first making her mark on the world, when Ronald Reagan was ridiculed for calling the Soviet Union an "evil empire" and Europe was afraid of American missiles and awash with Soviet misinformation. "Know thy enemy" was Mrs Thatcher's first commandment, and few had a shrewder grasp of Soviet and East European politics than George Urban, whose book Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher is serialised this week in The Times.

Mr Urban rose to be head of Radio Free Europe, the American-funded broadcasting station based in Munich, and could fairly be described as a Cold Warrior. A staunch defender of Britain and the West, Mr Urban was greatly impressed by Mrs Thatcher, whom he met through the Centre for Policy Studies, her favourite think-tank. His excellent interviews in *Encounter* magazine had caught her eye, and he became one of the intellectuals whom she invited to help on foreign policy speeches.

But, as his diaries record. Mr Urban soon became aware of an insurmountable barrier between his world view and the Iron Lady's: they disagreed about Germany. His Central European background predisposed him in favour of German culture, and his confidence in the postwar West German political system was robust. She, on the other hand, seemed to him to be fixated by outdated suspicions of the Germans: she thought they wanted first to restore the prewar status quo by reunification, and then once again to dominate Europe.

In the summer of 1990 Mrs Thatcher reluctantly allowed Nicholas Ridley to resign as Trade Secretary after his outburst

against monetary and political union as a "German racket". George Urban already knew that the Thatcher and Ridley views were virtually identical.

Shortly afterwards came the Chequers seminar on Germany, attended by several eminent historians and commentators on Germany, including Mr Urban. The extract published today gives the first eyewitness account of that historic gathering. Previously observers have had to rely on the notorious leaked memorandum written by the Prime Minister's private secretary. Sir Charles Powell, which suggested that the assembled experts had endorsed the Prime Minister's fear of German expansionism. Far from it, according to Mr Urban: to a man, they opposed her. Not that she took much notice; indeed, her imperviousness to criticism was such that he already foresaw her political demise.

In a second extract, to be published tomorrow, Mr Urban records his impressions of Baroness Thatcher after her fall. He was struck by her rapid disenchantment, not only with Europe and the Major Government, but with the Conservative tradition she had championed. Many who read his account will not share his interpretation. Her anxieties about German domination have been in many respects vindicated by Chancellor Kohl's drive for monetary and political union. But as a document, Mr Urban's book is invaluable essential reading for all who seek to understand the Thatcher era. The lady herself will hardly be flattered by George Urban's account, but his admiration is not entirely extinguished by his disillusion. Even after the Chequers seminar, he remarks: "MT is a great lady even when she

is dead wrong." That is not a bad epitaph.

THE POINT OF THE CENTRE

Why Lib Dems need to be in Brighton this week

Does Britain really need the Liberal Democrats? That is the question which many people watching (and not watching) this week's conference will be asking themselves. No longer is the centre party strikingly different from the two main parties. Its policies are almost identical to those of Labour: the Brighton seafront yesterday seemed full of the same types of people who have flocked to join Tony Blair's party in the past two years.

Paddy Ashdown, depending upon his mood and his audience, uses two arguments, incompatible with each other, to justify his party's existence. One is that the Lib Dems would provide a vital moderating influence on a Labour government; the other, that the centre party now has the radical policies that an over-cautious Labour Party does not dare to adopt. Both cannot be true, and neither is entirely convincing.

Most voters do not now believe that, in government, Mr Blair would turn upside down all his pre-election promises and embark upon a left-wing rampage that only the Liberal Democrats could prevent. If, however, Labour had only a tiny majority, a phalanx of Lib Dem MPs could help him to pass legislation that might otherwise be threatened by a rebellion of his hard Left.

As for radical policies, now that Labour agrees, more or less, with the centre party on constitutional reform, there are only two distinctive stances that remain to the Lib Dems. Labour is unlikely to boast too much about wanting to raise income tax or to adopt fervent European federalism. Neither is electorally popular — and even Paddy Ashdown's rich passion for European integration was diluted by his article in The Times last week. As a result of being squeezed by the rise of Mr Blair, the Lib Dems are now scoring only around 12 per cent in the polls, compared with the 18 per cent that they won at the last election.

Activists in Brighton this week need not, however, despair. The centre party has progressively strengthened its hold upon local councils; it now controls more than the Tories. This has given voters a chance to see the Lib Dems in action. Meanwhile, the party has adopted a much more targeted approach to winning parliamentary seats. Although nominally it is a national party, its strategy is to consolidate its hold in the South West of England and in the Ceitic fringe. The ever more sophisticated voting patterns of the British electorate make this ever more possible.

In the run-up to the general election many voters feel that they could vote for any of three parties. They will be shopping around more than ever before. If the Lib Dem candidate has the best chance of beating an unpopular sitting Conservative, he or she is likely to benefit from tactical voting. In each recent general election, the Lib Dems have won more seats for their percentage of the vote than in the preceding one. So, even if their support rises just to the mid-teens, they may still end up with more MPs than they

nave now.

Those MPs are likely to be different enough in their background to generate a welcome sense of pluralism in the House of Commons. Even if they agreed on most matters with a Blairite Labour Party, they would be free from the incubus of the trade union link and would add rural representation to the predominantly urban Labour experience.

Most important, perhaps, is that the Lib Derns are still small and iconoclastic enough to play around with ideas that might initially seem too revolutionary for a large party to consider but which, several years later, become acceptable policies. It could be as a ginger group, a parliamentary think-tank, that the Liberal Democrats are seen to flourish after the next election.

SURGICAL DRESSING

Beware: careless clothes cost lives

When medical observation agrees with hoary folk wisdom, there is a double respect for the conclusion they draw. Many a carefree adventurer has dismissed, with some embarrassment, the musty exhortations of solicitous mothers to ensure that they are wearing clean underwear in case they should meet with an accident. Now this genteel precept has been vindicated by actuarial findings. Those who are scrubbed and smelling of fresh linen, a Bristol University doctor has found, stand a better chance of access to life-saving attention than those who look and smell like an old tramp,

Today's samaritans are more likely to help a heart attack victim wearing a well-cut suit or a fashionable number with a designer label than one with engine oil on a boiler-suit or who has just been hosing down the stables. It is not only the kiss of life that is more readily planted on the lips of the comatose clothes-horse: nurses hurry the trolley into the theatre and surgeons don their masks in a flash at the sight of a blood-spattered Armani suit. Those with tarty clothes and the aroma of homelessness are sent to the back of the interminable NHS queue.

Kleider machen Leute, say the Germans, and almost every culture has a similar aphorism that "clothes make the man". From earliest days, the squire proclaimed his eminence with gorgeous apparel; and today's taxidriver is more likely to temper

squire in his cab looks like a denizen of Pall Mall or Harley Street. The eccentric mistress of the manor, however, may find an unwelcome familiarity in the tradesmen she confronts in her puppy-breeding overall or her dung-spattered wellingtons, and it may require all her imperious manner to remind them of the fine silks and severe suits that hang in her wardrobe.

On the whole, the British are poor at keeping up appearances, and tend to rate the scruffy above the suave. The middle classes, however, have a keen sense of their own kind, and doctors, generally a product of middle-class upbringing, are as influenced as any by the subtle signals. Dr Phil Hammond even noted in his Bristol casebook that when a mother, dressed in dirty, baggy trousers, took her child to hospital after a fall, she was subjected to insinuations of child abuse, whereas when she returned with the child on another occasion, dressed to the nines, it was assumed she was caring.

and responsible.

Of course, the reverse is also true; how many more patients will put their trust in the avuncular GP whose silver hair, weather-beaten face, watch-chain and distinctive brogue makes him for all the world like Dr Finlay or Dr Cameron than in the wild-haired surgeon in jeans and sneakers with the latest research at his fingertips? Doctor and patient should dress to impress: careless clothes cost lives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Moral arguments on matters of tax

From Mr M. C. Fitzpatrick

Sir, In the debate between Mr Major and Mr Blair on different approaches to public policy (report and Riddell on Politics, September 19) Mr Major argues that it is morally right for the State to cut spending, thereby reducing taxation and allowing people more choice on how they spend their money. Mr Blair, by contrast, argues that the State has a moral obligation to concentrate on education, unemployment, homelessness and making the streets safer.

Is there not also a moral argument to the effect that the State should raise sufficient revenue to pay for its public finance programme? Over the past 30 years or so successive governments have, habitually and deliberately, spent more than they have received in taxation, with the result that they have piled up huge debts which will be passed down to future generations.

Readers might like to ponder the following figures derived from the Treasury's 1995 Budget Red Book:

1. The total of net government debt currently amounts to around £340 billion, equivalent to about £16,000 per UK household.

The interest paid each year to service this debt is a figure approaching the amount spent each year on the NHS.

Doubtless, we shall see various definitions of morality advanced by political parties over the next few months. Will any of these include the concept of not saddling future generations with debts incurred by their parents?

Yours faithfully, M. C. FTIZPATRICK (Head of Economics), Chantrey Vellacott (Chartered accountants), Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, WCI. September 21.

From Mr H. H. Mainprice

Sir, On July 18 the Paymaster General announced in a parliamentary written answer that the Government would not, from that date, repay any VAT overpaid or underclaimed by businesses further back than for a period of three years.

The Government has retained the right to enforce assessments for underpaid VAT for six years or, in certain cases, such as the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, for which I am acting, 23 years.

In the college's case an application for payment of under-reclaimed VAT going back to 1973 was restricted to the last three years, while the VAT due during that period which should have been paid was demanded in full.

How does the Prime Minister equate the morality of retaining money which was paid to it in error and which does not belong to it, with his statement on the moral principles of his Government's taxation regime?

Yours faithfully, HUGH MAINPRICE, Mainprice & Co (Specialist VAT consultants), 80 Ebury Street, SWI.

From Mr Barry Sheffield
Sir, The Prime Minister claims a more

al duty to reduce taxes.

Does it matter (morally) that the effect of the resulting economies in government spending is felt most by the poor, the unemployed, the disabled and the old?

Yours faithfully, B. SHEFFIELD, 6 Coventry Road, Flushing, Palmouth, Cornwall. September 20.

From Mr Ian Mann

Sir, John Major's claim to want to fight the next election on the moral high ground is welcome, if true.

He should start by taking down the stupid posters decrying Tony Blair and the Labour (or socialist?) Party and replace them with explanations of the Tory party's policy — if they have one.

Yours faithfully.
IAN MANN
(Liberal Democrat prospective parliamentary candidate for Hampshire North East),
2 Church Road, Fleet, Hampshire.
September 20.

McGeorge Bundy

From Mrs Carol Bundy Stogdon

Sir, I would dispute Lord Rees-Mogg's contention that my uncle, Mc-George Bundy, must have seen himself as a failure (article, September 19; see also obituary, September 18). Temperamentally he was not inclined to such a view. His ambition was for service not power; this he continued both in heading the Ford Foundation and in his many other commitments. Uncle Mac was well aware of Amer-

ican society's inherent dislike and distrust of its own elites. Since the Revolution at least one person in nearly every generation of his family has played some public role, often contentious, often onerous, in representing that elite as the nation acquired an ever broader interpretation of democracy. For my own generation, or the next, I expect this task will fall to a female member of the family.

Yours. CAROL BUNDY STOGDON, The Old Rectory, Middle Chinnock, Somerset. Sentember 19.

Extending choice of schooling for all

From the General Secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council

Sir, In entolling the merits of universal comprehensive education ("Devil take the rejects", September 18) Simon Jenkins makes the assumption that parents don't much care about choosing the schools to which they send their children (see also "Let sink schools go private", Lord Skidelsky. September 20). As evidence he points out that "the number of parents opting for private education . . . has risen only from 5 per cent to 7 per cent since 1965".

An opinion poll conducted by MORI towards the end of August revealed that 49 per cent of parents would send their child to an independent school if they could afford it and 43 per cent would not.

The independent sector demonstrates that not to be up to the standard required by one of the leading academic schools does not make a boy or girl a "reject". Parents realise the good sense of choosing a less academic school if that is appropriate.

There will always be a few whose

There will always be a few whose geese are swans but the advice given by prep school heads is usually heeded. That is because in independent schools excellence has many more interpretations than outstanding examination results.

We should be examining ways in which more parents can be given the opportunity to make the kind of choice available only to the very well-off. The expansion of the Assisted Places Scheme to a larger group of schools and to the full age range has been a good start.

Yours faithfully, ARTHUR HEARNDEN, General Secretary, Independent Schools Joint Council, Grosvenor Gardens House, 35-37 Grosvenor Gardens, SWI. September 20.

From Professor Emeritus Deepak Lal

Sir, Simon Jenkins rightly asks why, if education is treated as "a consumer good ... the State need subsidise this form of consumption". The classical liberal answer was provided by J. S. Mill's On Liberty:

if the country contains a sufficient number

of persons qualified to provide education under government auspices, the same persons would be able and willing to give an equally good education on the voluntary principle, under the assurance of remuneration afforded by a law rendering educa-

tion compulsory, combined with state aid to those unable to defray the expense.

If, as Jenkins asserts, the majority of parents prefer comprehensive schools, demand for them will remain high and they will thrive.

What would not be possible is the social engineering that politicians of all hues have indulged in since the war, and whose major beneficiaries—as with Kenneth Baker's "great reform Act"—have been the bureaucrats in the Department for Education and Emoloyment.

Yours faithfully, DEEPAK LAL, 2 Erskine Hill, NWII. September 20.

From Mr George Walden, MP for Buckingham (Conservative)

Sir. Simon Jenkins suggests that Lord Skidelsky does not agree with the arguments I put forward in my recent book, We Should Know Better, for a new open sector of independent education. Yet on the back of the book Skidelsky is quoted thus: "A compelling case, lucidly presented ... His book should be read by all those who have the good of our country and its children at heart."

Neither Skidelsky nor I wish to go back to the old selective system. My thesis is that so long as Britain, alone in Europe, has a segregated system the state sector is doomed to overall mediocrity. The real "elitists" are those who, from a safe height, condescend to the schools others are forced to attend.

In my experience, the middle classes patronise comprehensives in words, but not with their presence. It smacks of mere contrariness to claim that they are fine at precisely the moment when Tony Blair is questioning their ethos and achievements: "Quality must not be sacrificed to equality."

Yours faithfully, GEORGE WALDEN, House of Commons. September 18.

Teacher training

From the Chief Executive of the Teacher Training Agency

Sir, I was surprised to read your criticism of the Teacher Training Agency (leading article, "Teach how to teach", September 19; see also report of the same date) since the rest of your leader largely echoes some of the views the TTA has expressed in its own publica-

In just 18 months the TTA has revolutionised the funding of initial teacher training, so that account is taken of Ofsted inspection evidence — we are the first body to have done this. It has also started the process of de-accrediting five major teacher-training establishments, also based on Ofsted reports — we are again the first body to have done this.

The TTA has been in the vanguard

in highlighting the need for teachers to have a good grasp of subject knowledge and high expectations of their pupils, and for teacher training to be soundly based on practical methods which are known to work well in the classroom.

We are therefore delighted that the Education Secretary has now extended our remit into the content of teacher training, to build on the structural reforms already in hand.

In tackling this important new responsibility, I can assure your readers that the TTA will not be trammelled by any ideology, as proved time and again by our track record.

If a minimum wage is implemented

then these owner-managers can do

one of the following: absorb the cost

increases themselves - and thus be

penalised for their own enterprise; try

tomers — and risk losing custom and

revenues; or employ fewer staff and

work longer hours themselves. It is a

the needs, concerns and efforts of

those individuals who are actually

risking their futures and capital at the

sharp end of the enterprise economy.

We need more real attention paid to

pass on the increases to their cus-

Yours faithfully,
ANTHEA MILLETT,
Chief Executive,
Teacher Training Agency,
Portland House, Stag Place, SWI.
September 19.

Minimum wage

From Mr John G Howarth

and Mr Andrew Kent

Sir. Dr Marilyn Orcharton (letter.
September 17; see also letters, September 12, 14, 16 and 19) is right to draw

attention to the impact of the minimum wage on small businesses. The "micro" businesses, as she calls them, account for 85 per cent of businesses in the United Kingdom and employ 30 per cent of the workforce.

employ 30 per cent of the workforce. They, and their difficulties, are overlooked far too often by the political establishment.

The South Hampshire chambers of commerce represent thousands of businesses — about two thirds of them

The South Hampshire chambers of commerce represent thousands of businesses — about two thirds of them "ruicro" businesses — employing ten people or fewer, many part-time. Many of these are in the fields of leisure, tourism, catering and retail. They are under intense competitive pressure and are owner-managed. Profits are being squeezed.

(President, South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry), ANDREW KENT (President, Southampton & Fareham Chamber of Commerce and Industry), 4th Floor, Robins House

brutal choice.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. HOWARTH

(President, Southampton & Fareham Chamber of Commerce and Industry), 4th Floor, Baltic House, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth, Hampshire. September 19.

County history Genera

From Lord Petre

Sir, Philip Howard was right to declare, in his article (September 13) on Professor Christopher Elrington's epic hike in support of the Victoria County History series, that the VHC would be "a far more useful object for the Millennium Fund than any of the daft proposals so far".

Sadly the Millennium Board do not agree. Applications to fund the Essex series, the Wiltshire series and the Herefordshire series have been turned down flat. The reasons given, to us in Essex at any rate, were that the project was not of sufficient public benefit and/or the study of history does not enjoy sufficient public support.

We would like to apply to the Lottery Heritage Board instead but it can, by statute, only support the care and maintenance of the physical environment and not the research which explains and interprets it.

Yours faithfully, PETRE (Chairman, Victoria History of the County of Essex), Writtle Park House, Highwood, Nr Chelmsford, Essex. September 18.

Generations of gerbils From Mrs Ann Channon

Sir, It is inaccurate to say that gerbils have been kept as pets in Britain only since the 1960s (Weekend, September

14). I was given a pair in 1935.

On reflection I don't regard them as ideal pets. My gerbils had a litter of four or more every month and it was difficult to find homes for them all. The babies, when first born, looked like very unattractive dirty small carrots. They were housed mostly in a large cage with a glass front, which our cat kept guard over all day.

Eventually we persuaded some other luckless family to take them on. Be warned.

Yours faithfully, ANN CHANNON, 42 Church Street, Eye, Suffolk. September 16.

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More support for working mothers

From Ms Denise Robson

Sir, If women are bringing up young children in ways which cause concern ("Working mothers 'threaten the future of the human race'", report, September 121, this is not by choice.

Economic management by the Government has meant profound changes to families, with a sharp decrease in the classic model: father earning and mother at home. The proportion of working mothers increased from 43

per cent in 1973 to 60 per cent in 1992. The prevalence of these "work-rich" families reflects several issues. The earnings of two adults are commonly needed to pay a mortgage; Britain's policies on statutory maternity leave and pay compare very poorly with elsewhere; and insecurity at work does not encourage mothers to take career breaks. "Work-poor" families, reliant on benefit, are a sad reflection

on Tory industrial policy.

Time spent with children cannot, on its own, compensate for the grinding hardship which Is the daily experience of families on benefit. The isolation, the lack of opportunity to "buy in" to modern life as depicted on television and the inability to plan for the future: all of these hurt children. A mother who places her child with a childminder so that she can acquire vocational training and attain financial in-

dependence deserves our support.

Mothers want to do the best for their babies. We need information and support and, above all, a family-friendly employment policy to enable us to spend more time with our young children and babies.

Yours sincerely,
D. M. ROBSON
(Labour prospective parliamentary candidate for Maidenhead),
18 Mount Pleasant Lane, E5.
September 15.

Day care for babies

From Professor Dario Varin

Sir, The conclusions of our study of early group care for children (report, September 13) should not give rise to anxiety in mothers using good day-

care centres for their babies.

Undesirable outcomes can occur for certain children who spend too much time — eight or more hours per day — in a centre, start group care in the furst or in the early second year, and are emotionally weaker than others: but when the quality of care is good and parents are able to establish warm relationships with their children coming

home, the outcome can be positive.

Both my son and my grandchild attended a good day-care centre, and they have grown well.

Yours sincerely, DARIO VARIN, State University of Milan, Institute of Psychology, Via Larga, 20122 Milan, Italy. September 17.

Church music

From Mr Piers Schmidt

Sir, As a chorister at Westminster Cathedral and later as a member of the choir of St John's College, Cambridge, I met many congregation members whose religious attendance at services was inspired at least as much, if not more, by the excellent organ and choral music as by the spoken liturgy.

For some the music is an aid to spiritual meditation: for others it provides a sublime escape from everyday pressures; for others, myself included, the music is just a glorious end in itself.

Perhaps Mrs Linda Brooke forgets (letter, September 20; see also letters, September 12, 16) that music and musicians have played this multi-functional role within the Church for more than 600 years. Their job is not just to provide a musical accompaniment to the sung parts of worship, as she suggests, but to facilitate people's reflection and prayer whatever their beliefs.

Yours faithfully. PIERS SCHMIDT, 28 Windsor Road, Ealing W5. September 20.

From Mr Joseph G. Cullen

Sir. The substitution of digital music for organs in church may well achieve, as Mr John Harris suggests. "balance between the harmonies [and] steady tempo".

I suspect a perfect musical ensemble would be unlikely, since natural musical instruments are never perfectly balanced through their range, and I have yet to encounter a congregation which sings with anything approaching a metronomic pulse.

Yours sincerely. JOSEPH CULLEN (Assistant Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral), 42 Francis Street, SW1.

From Mrs Auriol Whitworth

Sir, Mrs S. Kenrick (letter, September 16) is right; congregations do not listen to their organists except of course at funerals. Perhaps she might gain some satisfaction from playing her own, very reverent, arrangements of popular tunes. My great aunt used to play "Tararaboomdecay" heavily disguised, quite unnoticed by the congregation but giving herself enormous pleasure.

Yours faithfully, AURIOL WHITWORTH, The Old School House, Farley Chamberlayne, Romsey, Hanpshire.



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CLARENCE HOUSE

September 21: Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 21: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. Patron, Queen Margaret College, Edin-burgh, today received Professor Donald Leach on relinquishing the appointment of Principal of the

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 21: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the London Philharmonic, this evening attended a benefit concert at Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex.

BALMORAL CASTLE September 22: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning. The Reverend Andrew Greaves preached the Sermon.

Royal engagement

The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, will open the new and re-equipped quarry for John Fyle, Dunulland, Lanarkshire, at 10.45.

Luncheon

Nutbourne Manor Vineyard Mr Peter Gladwin was the host at a pre-harvest luncheon held yesterday at Nutbourne Manor, Pulborough, West Sussex, to mark the opening of the vineyard's new Visitor

Birthdays today

Mr Gerald Balding, racehorse trainer, 60; Mr Malcolm Bates, chairman, Pearl Group, 62; Mr Ray Charles, singer, 66; Baroness David, 83; the Duke of Fife, 67; Mr J.E.A.R. Guinness, former deputy chairman, Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association, 72; Mr Richard Lambert, Editor, Financial Times, 52; Dr B.B. Lloyd, former chairman, Health Education Council, 76; Mr Charles Lloyd, former Headmaster, Dulwich College, 81; Mrs Genista McIntosh, executive director, Royal National Theatre, 50; Mr Mickey Rooney, actor, 76; Mr Bruce Springsteen, rock singer, 47; Admiral Sir John Treacher, 72: Mr John Wilkinson, MP, 56.

Memorial service Ms Helen Chadwick

A service to celebrate the life and work of Ms Helen Chadwick, artist, was held on Saturday at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Bernhard Schünemanı officiated. Ms Marina Warner, Mr Mark Haworth-Booth, Curator of Photography, Victoria and Albert Museum, Dr Rachel Armstrong Ms Louise Clark and Ms Jo Loki paid tribute.

Service dinner

Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters

Brigadier R.G. Silk, Colonel of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, presided at the regimental dinner held on Saturday at Wadham College, Oxford.

Nature notes

Pied flycatchers heading south are appearing in unexpected places, and last week a number of red-breasted flycatchers were seen, mostly on the east side of Britain. They dart out from a

branch to catch insects in the air. Red-breasted fly-catchers often flit Red-breasted down to the for their ground prey, and are also unusual in that. unlike most Euro-

pean migrants, they go to India rather than Africa for the winter. Most drake mallards now have shining bottlegreen heads, but some are still moulting, with shabby grey-green heads. Moulting Canariverbanks and in parks. A tinge of brown is touching many trees. There are ochreous patches on the limes, and here and there a birch tree is completely yellow. The small

> in the woods among netties and brambles. Bracken is turning golden-brown and first acorns are

oaks: they crash noisily through the leaves. Hazelmuts are ripening, and wood mice nibble round holes in them to get at the kernel. On western and northern moors, red deer stags are roaring and fighting da geese leave large feathers as they round up their



HRH Crown Princess Margarita of Romania and Mr Radu Duda after their wedding on Saturday in St Gherassimos, Lausanne, the tiny Greek Orthodox church where the Princess was christened. Crowds of Romanians made a personal pilgrimage to celebrate the occasion along with the Queen of Spain and other members of Europe's royal

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustus, Roman

Emperor Z7BC-ADI4, Rome,

63BC; Jeremy Collier, writer.

Stow Qui, Cambridgeshire,

1650; Baroness Emmuska Or-

czy, novelist, Tara-Ors, Hun-

gary, 1865; Walter Pidgeon, film actor, East St John,

Canada, 1897; Paul Delvaux,

Surrealist painter, Belgium,

1897; Aldo Moro, five times

Prime Minister of Italy.

DEATHS: Robert Dodsley,

poet and dramatist, Durham.

Maglie, Lecce, 1916.

families (Jessica Douglas-Home writes). The bride was given away by her father, former King Michael of Romania, who is in exile in Switzerland. He returned to his country during Easter 1992 to a crowd of an estimated one million - his first visit since the communists forced him out at gunpoint in December 1947. Since this tumultuous reception (when

the King was accompanied by his wife Queen Anne, daughter Princess Helen and grandson Prince Nicholas). President Iliescu has prevented the King from returning to Romania. Princess Margarita and her husband, a lecturer at the Academy of Theatre and Film in Bucharest, will live half the year in Romania and the other half in Switzerland.

RHS Malvern Autumn Show

Vegetables leave flowers in shade for a splash of autumn colour

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A DISPLAY of vegetables comparable to autumnal flow-

1764; Richard Bonington, landscape painter, London, The winning display, judged best in show and also awarded a gold medal, was Kingston Gold".

> son & Morgan who exhibited a collection of vegetables grown by Arthur Davies, of Talgarth, Powys, including the sweetest tomato available, "Sungold", a yellow plumtype. Mr Davies has staged 87

Society staged 235 cultivars of potato, grown by gardeners

even a contribution from Australia: a potato unknown in Britain called "Sebago". The collection ranged from rare historical kinds such as "Lumpus" (1804) to modern potatoes including "Kestrel"

A collection of Michaelmas daisies (Aster novi-belgii culti-vars), shown by the Picton Garden and Old Court Nurseries, of Colwall, Hereford & Worcester, was among the exhibits which truly reflected appropriate, therefore, that old Ballard cultivars were featured, such as "Mary Ballard" (double blue), "Freda Ballard" (red) and "Patricia

Cultivars of Acer palmatum (Japanese maples) provides some of the most brilliant autumn leaf colour. Hippopottering Nursery, of

specialises in these plants, staged a collection of rare and unusual cultivars such as the compact, small-leaved "Kamagata" which colours late in the season, extending

acer displays into November. A collection of trees and crops of bright red or orange red berries last well into

such as C.hederifolium and C.purpurascens, were displayed by Ashwood Nurseries of Kingswinford, West Midlands, just as they are found in the wild - among pine trees. This imaginative exhibit was awarded a gold medal.

plays ranging from carnations and sweet peas to cacti and very high standard of this

Forthcoming

Mr A. Cannon-Brookes and Miss P. Saminatha

marriages

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Cannon-Brookes, of York, and Philomena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter minathan, of Singapore,

Mr R.J. Eldridge and Miss G.R. Peake

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The engagement is announced
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Mr C.W. Eldridge and of Mrs
E.M. Eldridge, of Weston-superMare, and Gilly, daughter of
Brigadier and Mrs A.B.L. Peake,
of Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire.

Mr G.A. Grimm and Miss C.M.J. Brooke-Little The engagement is announced between Günter, son of the late Mr and Mrs Gunter Grimm, of Röslau, Germany, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brooke-Little, of Heyford House, Lower Heyford, Oxon. OX6 3NZ.

Mr D.M. Kemsley and Miss C.B. Ban

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kemsley, of Bramfield, Suffolk, and Clare, daughter of the late Mr John Bannon and of Mrs Maureen af Bannon.

Mr M.W. Rowe and Miss I.J. Matthews

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of the late Mr Philip Rowe and of Mrs Valerie Rowe, of Wellington, Somerset, and Jenny, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs James Matthews, of Oxford.

Appointments in the Forces Royal Navy and Royal Marines

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Mr C.d'O. Gowan

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Christopher Gowan will be held on Friday, November I, in Eton College Chapel at 2.45pm.

Marriages

Mr J.A.W. Astor
and Miss J.D. Valentine
The marriage took place on
Saturday. at the First
Congregational Church of
Product Adaption of Mr. Congregational Church of Reading, Massachusetts, of Mr James Astor, younger son of the Hon Hugh and Mrs Astor, of Reading, Berkshire, to Miss Janine Valentine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Valentine, of Reading, Massachusetts. The Rev Alan Bond officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ms Laura Masone and Mr Hugh M. Robertson was

best man.
A reception was held at the Hampshire House, Boston, and the honeymoon will be spent in the British Virgin Islands and the Berkshires in Western

Mr J.M.A. Bewes

and Miss C.E. Talbot Rice
The marriage took place on
Saturday, September 21, at St
Andrew's Church, Linton Road. Oxford, of Mr Jonathan Bewes, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bewes, of Colchester, to Miss Caroline Talbot Rice, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Talbot Rice, of Oxford. The Revd Teddy Saunders officiated, assisted by Prebendary Richard Bewes and the Revd Robert Key.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Rebecca Talbot Rice, Miss Helena Talbot Rice, Miss Rebecca Bewes, Miss Ursula Mayr-Harting, Miss Katherine Awadalla, Emily Parry, Clarissa Martyn-Hemphill, Michael Phillips and William Nicholl, Mr Anthony Bewes was best man.
The reception was held at
Summer Fields and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

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Mr S.M. Freedman

the marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, 1996, at the Lythe Hill, Haslemere, Surrey, between Simon Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Freedman, of Oakwood, London, and Trudi. daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony J. Barnett, of Gulidford, Surrey.

Mr G.A.G. Shepheard and Mrs R.A. Sperryn-Jones The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, 1996, in Guildford, of Geoffrey Shepheard and Rosemary Sperryn-Jones.

Latest wills

Richard John Glidroy Shaw, of London W8, left estate valued at £4,794,583 net He left his estate mostly to relatives and £50,000 to his personal assistant Leela Marje-Celene Thomas: £50,000 to his ateistant Lisa Quinton.

Patrick Ernest William Harris, of Southsea, Hampshire, left estate valued at E1,072,654 net. valued at El, U/Z, CO4 net.

He left one large gold cross and chain to be used by the blahop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth: certain other possessions to Portsmouth City Council museum to be named the Harris Collection: El, DO0 to Age Concern, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, RSPCA. RNIL. British Deaf Association, National Children's Home, Engel Star and Garser Home, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and the trusters of the Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese.

Robert John Stennett, of Great Bromley, Colchester, left estate valued at £930,431 net.

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REW - On August 24th 1996, to Finola (née Stack) and Entert son, Hamish Track a brother to Finian and

MORGAN On September 18th to Lottle (zée Balazm) and Ben a daughter Phoebe Tatiann Emfly.

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MOSELFY On 21st September.

1996 in Dublin to Mary wife of Justin Moseley a daughter.

REVES - On 16th September. to Tracey (nee Porter) and Trovot, a son, jago William, a brother for Amarinta.

Thesians and Dublis. WALTON - On 31st August 1996, to Helen and Lee, a son, Christian Keith Frederick, a brother for

DEATHS

20. Lady Mary Clare
McMoorough, aged 73 years,
beloved wife of Ralph, much
loved mother of John, Shaon,
we and Dave and devoted
grandmother. Funeral
service at St. Maurice's
Church, Eglingham, Alawick,
Northumberland on
Thursday September 26, at
2.30 pm. Flowers may be
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COCKEREL - Margaret Elinor, Lady Cockerell, on 17th September 1996 aged 83, procious and loved wife of 59 years, beloved mother of Anne and Frances. Private cromation has taken place. Thanksgiving Service on Friday 11th October at 2.30 pm at All Saluts' Church, Dibden, Hampshire, No flowers but donastions if wished in her manory to Childing co R. Hallum 2 Sons, 185 Long Lane, Holbury, Southampton SO4 1PA.

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Tom, Funeral Service Friday
27th September, Exeter & 27th September, Exeter & Devon Crematorium, 12

MASEY - On September 19th Ralph aged 78 years beloved husband of Molly and father of East, Simon and Alix. Service at Barbed St Marcia church 12 soon Wednesday 25th September. Family

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Balaughlan, Bear Admiral, aged 77. On September 18th, 1996, paccefully in Hospital after a long Ulmess borne with great fortinde. Desriy loved husband of Charlty, father of Marlanne and from a mid grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Dunstans Church, Mayfield, East Sussex on Thursday, 26th September at 3.0. pm, followed by burial. Flowers, or donations to King George V Fund for Sallors to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, (01892) 655000, to whom all enquiries should be made.

NOLAN - Cm 20th September 1996 in a Bournemouth Numing Home Fr. Leo Nolan 51 aged 88 years. Gave many years to Parish Ministry. RIP. Bequiem Mass at the Church of Corpus Christi, Bescombe, on Thursday 26th September at 10.00 a.m. Enquiries to George Scott Fuseral Directors. Tel. 01202 295327.

PHRIPS - On 19th September 1976 posedully at her bons in Courwall Susan Ethabeth, geastly loved wife of Rear Admiral Richard Phillips, precious mother of Sara, cherished daughter of Alam and Jane Groves and much loved sister of David. Funeral details from Trelaway Usales, Lisboard (01579) 43168.

REYMOLDS - Brenda, late of Gt. Bookham, Surrey, Passed away peacefully on 18th September Funemal Service at Rendalls Park Crematorium on Thursday 26th September at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to L. Hawkins & Sons Ltd. (01372) 372435.

STOATE - on Wednesday 18th September Elchard Charles sadiy passed away peacefully, dearly loved partner of Samantha, devoted father of Any, Aiden and Jessica. Eldest son of Alvan and Maisie. Foneral service to be beid on Friday 27th September 11am. at Emphalis Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Surrey. Eichards family and friends are welcome. Donations to Boyal Netlonal Life Boat Institute.

suich - John, aged 45, unexpectedly on September 17th 1996. Much loved husband, father, brother and son A thanksgiving funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 26th at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden, Bucks, at 2.00pm. Either flowers or donations to the Leprosy Mission, Morambique, do Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 OBE, would be appreciated.

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The astronomer Johan Galle discovered Neptune, 1846. The George Cross was insti-tuted for civilian acts of

poet, Nobel laureate 1971. San-

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staged by seedsmen W Robinson & Sons, of Forton, Lancashire, and included climbing French beans with colourful pods, such as the yellow A gold medal was also awarded to seedsmen Thomp-

gold medal exhibits of vegeta-bles over 27 years. The National Vegetable

the season. The nursery, where Ernest Ballard, the well-known breeder of Michaelmas Daisies, did his hybridising, is celebrating its 90th anniversary. It was

Ballard" (red purple).

shrubs for autumn colour was shown by Bluebell Nursery, of Blackfordby, Derbyshire, in-cluding deciduous hollies (cultivars of Ilex verticillata) from North America, whose heavy

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MAJOR-GENERAL PAT TURPIN

Major-General Patrick Turpin. CB. OBE. Director of Supplies and Transport, 1960-63, and Director of Movements (Army). Ministry of Defence, 1963-66, died on September 14 aged 85. He was born on April 27, 1911.

PAT TURPIN, who joined the Royal Army Service Corps in 1933, was the outstanding army logistician of his generation. Supremely able in command and on the staff, had he been born a decade or so later there is little doubt that he would have reached the Army Board as a leading policymaker. But prejudice against officers of the logistic services created at that time an unspoken but uncrossable barrier to their advancement on the staff to three and four star rank. Turpin nearly made it and would have done so in today's Army in which talent is more important than cap badge.

Turpin's career as a supply and transport specialist spanned the revolutions in army transport systems caused by the demise of the horse, by the steadily increasing capacity of land vehicles, by the introduction of airborne supply and by the Army's acquisition of a fleet of seagoing logistic ships. His reputation was based upon danced judgment and unimpeachable reliability,

Same and the same

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Patrick George Turpin's father was vicar of Misterton, Somerset. He was educated at Haileybury and went up to Exerer College, Oxford, as a senior classical scholar.

He was an all-round sportsman who represented Oxford at cross-country running, and his college at rugby, tennis and squash. Later he was to win his Army and Corps colours for these sports. But above all he rated his accomplishments as a tennis player. He represented Somerset between 1933 and 1954, winning the county championship in 1948 and holding his Corps' championship in every rank up to his time as a major-general.

It was while playing tennis that a colleague suggested the Army as a career. He took a regular commission which he signed, is an admirable two stepping stones to Director of



in the Royal Army Service Corps direct from university in 1934 and, after initial training in England, embarked in the troopship *Difwara* for Egypt. There he became adjutant to the 7th Armoured Division's supply column at the outbreak of war when the Division was beginning to deploy in the Western Desert. To his chagrin, he missed its victories over the Italians during O'Connor's Cyrenaica campaign of 1940-41, since he was by then a student at the Staff College, Haifa.

He saw no fighting in the Western Desert until after El Alamein because he had been appointed Deputy Assis-Quartermaster General (DAQMG) in HQ British Troops Egypt. After that he had returned to Haifa as an instructor for the whole of 1942. In February 1943 he became an Assistant Quartermaster General (AQMG) to HQ 30th Corps as the 8th Army reached the western Tripolitanian frontier. He was just in time to play his full part in Rommel's decisive defeat at the battle of Medenene, which opened Montgomery's way into Tunisia. The logistic order for the battle,

two sheets, specifying the dumping of supplies and ammunition for the three divisions of 30th Corps in their hardfought defensive battle.

He stayed with 30th Corps for the rest of the Tunisian and all the Sicilian campaigns, gaining a wealth of logistic experience at corps level, including the landings in Sicily. When 30th Corps was withdrawn to England to prepare for Overlord he was appointed AA & QMG (the chief administrative officer) HQ 5th Division before it landed in Italy. He took part in Montgomery's bloodily unsuccessful battles on the Sangro in the autumn of 1943, and subsequently in the equally hard-fought battles of the Anzio beachhead in the winter of 1944.

After Anzio, 5th Division was withdrawn to relit in Egypt. Having had seven years' unbroken overseas ser-vice, Turpin was recalled to become chief instructor of the RASC Officers' Training Centre in September 1944. In April 1945, he was promoted brigadier at the early age of 34 to take over as Brigadier A/Q (Chief Administrative Officer) in HQ 1st Corps for the crossing of the Rhine, and the final advance to the Baltic coast. For the first nine months of the subsequent occupation of Germany, he was Brigadier A in HQ 21st Army Group. He had been appointed OBE and twice mentioned in dispatches for his wartime services.

in 1948 he achieved the first of his "firsts" for a Logistics Service officer, when he was selected for the Joint Services Staff College (JSSC). Such was the uniqueness of his war experience that after short spells in the War Office and in HQ British Troops Egypt where he was the logistic planner, he returned to the JSSC as an instructor in

He achieved his second "first" in 1955 when he was selected for the Imperial Defence College, which grooms officers for high-level Whitehall appointments. He was clearly on his way to becoming the professional head of his Corps, and perhaps higher. The last

Supplies and Transport were Deputy Adjutant General in HQ BAOR, 1956-59, and then Brigadier Administration of 17th Gurkha Division in Malaya at the end of the anti-terrorist campaign, 1959-60, when he supervised the formation of the Gurkha transport units to replace British units, which could not manned after the end of National

Taking over as DST in mid-1960, he was promoted major-general. His principal task was the phasing out of RASC National Servicemen and the reorganisation of his Corps on an allregular basis. He was appointed CB for his services in 1962.

At the end of his three-year tenure as DST, he achieved his third "first". He was selected as the Director of Movements, a major policy-making directoratc, which had always previously been headed by an "Arms" officer. During his tenure, he played a key role in bringing together all the Army's disparate movement agencies into the new Royal Corps of Transport (RCT).

He could not achieve a fourth "first" becoming the first logistic service officer to become a lieutenant-general because he was not operationally qualified to be placed on the selection list for an army command. The prejudice against logistic officers' promotion was not even questioned until the mid-1970s.

After he retired in September 1966. Turpin became Colonel Commandant RCT, 1965-71, and the first Colonel of the Gurkha Army Service Corps (later renamed Gurkha Transport Regiment, RCT), 1960-73. At last, he had time for his favourite hobby of garden-ing and he specialised in the development of heathers. He was chairman of the Heather Society for 15 years and the heather Pat Turpin was named after him. He also wrote The Turn of the Wheel: a history of the RASC, 1919-

He married Cherry, daughter of Major K. S. Grove of the York and Lancasters, in 1947. They had a son and a daughter. His family survive

JULIUS SILVERMAN

Julius Silverman, former Birmingham Labour MP and barrister, died on September 21 aged 90. He was born on December 8, 1905.

A STAUNCH leftwinger, who sat in the House of Commons continuously for 38 years, Julius Silverman was always one of the more anonymous Labour MPs. In his earlier years at Westminster his fame was consistently overshadowed by that of his namesake, Sydney Silverman, who shared most of his convictions but maintained (particularly over the long drawn-out campaign against capital punishment. finally won in 1965) a much higher profile.

For his part, Julius Silverman was content to be a spear-carrier in various leftwing organisations, starting with the Keep Left Group in the 1940s, going on through the Bevanites and Victory for Socialism in the 1950s to the somewhat more placid waters of the Tribune Group in the 1960s and 1970s.

Born of a Jewish family in Leeds, Julius Silverman after education at Leeds Central High School - started his working life as a warehouseman. He then bravely decided to study for the Bar, which he did in the evenings. He enrolled at Gray's Inn in 1928 and succeeded in being called in 1931 at the age of 25. That was no mean achievement for a poor young man in those days and Silverman soon consolidated it by building up a successful practice on the Midland Circuit, which he combined with political work (being elected to Birmingham City Council in 1934 and remaining on it until 1945).

That year in the Attlee landslide he gained the Erdington division of Birmingham for Labour and continued to represent it though from 1955 to 1974 under the different name of Aston - until his retirement in 1983. One of the things the Labour Right held against him was that, in doing so, he saw off Aston's sitting MP. Woodrow Wyatt, at the time one of Hugh Gaitskell's closest lieutenants, who was forced to leave Birmingham and go in search of a seat

In the Commons Silverman was a loyal supporter of Aneurin Bevan, But he was not, like most of Bevan's 1986, three years after he had left Parliament.

acolytes, at all a gregarious or convivial figure. (His favourite recreation was the normally silent, if not quite solitary, one of playing chess: if Harold Lever was considered the best bridge-player in the House of Commons, Silverman was reputed to be the champion at

Yet, though he was rarely to be found in Bevan's circle in the Smoking Room, he could nearly always be depended upon to show up in the lobbies whenever a Bevanite rebellion was taking place. This gave him a slightly sinister reputation — he was not noted for taking an active part in Commons debates — and for a long time, partly no doubt because of his chairmanship of the Anglo-Russian Parliamentary Group, he was suspected by the Gaitskellite front bench of posssessing fellow-travelling

tendencies. This was almost certainly unjust. Although he visited Moscow many times - and on one occasion even underwent hospital treatment there -Silverman was, in fact, an oldfashioned leftwinger who had never adjusted his beliefs in the light of the increasing evidence of the Stalinist tyranny. He was typical of his generation, too, in possessing an admiration, bordering almost on idolatry, for Nehru's India. He was a long-serving chairman of the India League, and his only published work was a history of the Congress Party, which he produced in

But that was not his only occupation in retirement, in 1985 he was asked by Birmingham City Council to conduct an inquiry into the Hands-worth race riots (in which two people had been killed). His report, produced in some five months, predictably proved controversial. By naming unemployment and poverty as the chief causes of what had occurred — and rejecting any suggestion that drug dealers had been behind it — Silverman irritated the police, who had been hoping for more robust findings. There was even a public spat with the Deputy Chief Constable of the West Midlands over whether rubber bullets might have succeeded in containing the

It could certainly be said of Silverman that in his own terms he had kept the faith. What he wrote in that report at the age of 80 was what he had believed all his life. He was an umreconstructed economic determinist of precisely the kind that the present Labour Party rejects. Although he had been present at the small and select gathering of old Bevanites that welcomed Harold Wilson to the leadership 33 years ago, he would almost certainly have had difficulty in finding his bearings in any New Britain

trouble.

created by Tony Blair. In 1959 Julius Silverman married his secretary Eva. Price, who survives him.

ANNABELLA

Annabella, film actress, died on September 18 aged 87. She was born on July 14, 1909.

EVEN from earliest childhood Annabella had a passion for cinema. As a child playing in the garden of her family home near Paris, the chicken shed out in the yard became her imaginary studio where, lost in a world of imagination, she would act out scenes from the films she had watched, taking upon herself the role of director, cameraman and leading lady all at once.

She rose, during the 1930s, to become one of France's most celebrated actresses and later moved to Britain to work. But Hollywood had always been her childhood dream. Invited there in 1938, she married Tyrone Power, one of the leading stars of the day. Yet though she never achieved great success in American films, she did not appear embittered. Looking back as an elderly woman over her career, she said: I loved filming, not to become a star. but to continue playing like when I was little." Annabella was the stage

name of Suzanne Georgette Charpentier, who was born in La Verenne-Saint-Hillaire, near Paris. Her father, the publisher of a small magazine. had a passion for photography and was always marshalling his family together for portrait shots. Suzanne inherited something of his passion for the visual arts.

Her film career was launched after her father met a friend of the director Abel Gance. This friend, on seeing Suzanne's gamin good looks in a photograph, recommended her to Gance for his next

Filming of Napoleon began in 1925 with Suzanne playing Violine, a rapt admirer of the meral. She appeared so autifully on the screen that Gance expanded her part until her screen time rivalled that of the leading lady who was playing Josephine. Annabella was bitterly disappointed when, at the film's premiere in 1927, she found that most of her scenes had been cut.

It was Gance who renamed her Annabella, after Edgar Allen Poe's poem Annabel Lee, and it was under this name that she rose to fame in France in the 1930s. Her father managed her early career, securing her a small role first in René Clair's Le Million (1931) and then in his Quatorze Juillet (1933).

Though she got on well with Clair, enjoying his sense of humour and practical jokes, her favourite director was the Hungarian, Paul Fejos, with whom she went to Budapest to make Marie, légende hongroise. He was a man of great sincerity, she later recalled, who, when a scene required her to weep, would be there behind the cameras looking at her with tears filling his own eyes.

In 1934 Annabella was named Best Actress at the Venice Biennale for her performance in Vielles d'armes and, marked out as a star, found herself two years later lured across the Channel.

She made three films in Britain, the best of which was Wings of the Morning (1937) the first Technicolor feature to be made on this side of the Atlantic. Her part as Maria the Spanish gypsy was one she greatly enjoyed, not least because of her passion for Henry Fonda, her leading man. Though Annabella had by this time been married for five years to an actor. Jean Murat, Fonda is said to have had to flee the set at the end of each day's shooting to escape Annabella's amorous advances and her husband's rage. Annabella's first marriage was dissolved in 1938 and that same year she went to

Hollywood. She had fantasised about going there since childhood, though in the end she left little mark among the firmament of stars. But in the film Suez (1938) she played a sultry Egyptian beauty opposite Ty-rone Power. He became, she later said, "the one great love of her life . . . He was what we all think romance will be

when we are 15." But their marriage the next year incensed Darryl F. Zanuck, the head of the studio, especially when Annabella would not return to Britain to film. Nor was he pleased when she was hailed as a future stage star.

Taking American citizenship, Annabella toured North Africa and Italy in the mid-1940s entertaining the troops. The time apart had ill effects on her marriage. Her hus band, returning to Hollywood after a spell as a Marine, had affairs with, among others, Judy Garland and Gene Tierney. On top of this, he and Annabella seemed unable to have children and, in the end, they separated. Letting him go had been the worst mistake she had ever made. Annabella later said, but she and Power remained close friends throughout all his subsequent marriages. She was with him just four days before he died.

She returned to Paris after her separation from Power to find that her brother had been killed while trying to escape from the Nazis and her family home had been ransacked She made just one more French film, Dernier Amour (1949), and then retired. "What was offered to me when I went back to France after the war was a little second-rate," she said. "So I thought, I won't have enough money to buy Chanel suits any more but I can live without them and be free." Her last ever part was in Don Juan made in Spain in 1950. "I finally had freedom . . . One day I walked out and nobody stared at me. I loved it."

On her retirement she occupied herself with prison welfare work in France, dividing her time between her two residences, a splendid Parisian apartment and a farm in the Pyrenees. But she always maintained her interest in films and in 1983 attended a screening of Napoleon at the Barbican. It was the first time she had seen herself in it since its premiere.

Annabella is survived by a daughter from her first marriage to Jean Murat.



PROFESSOR JERZY WDOWCZYK

Professor Jerzy Wdowczyk, physicist, died in Lodz, Poland, on September 6 aged 61. He was born in Sonica on July 28, 1935.

IN HIS work as physicist, Jerzy Wdowczyk's greatest contribution was to further the study of the "cosmic rays" which had first been detected in 1912 by Viktor Hess. Hess's discovery of these rays, made during perilous balloon ascents, sparked off research worldwide and it was soon realised that the so-called "rays" were, in fact, largely atomic particles of astound-

ingly high individual energies. Throughout the 1930s and 1940s several discoveries were made of relevance to the fundamental constituents of matter. The positron, muon, pion and the "strange particles" were all first detected in cosmic rays. The subject has become relevant to astronomy, too. The particles have been found to come from unknown sources beyond the Sun and even beyond the galaxy of the Milky Way.

Wdowczyk and his group of research scientists working at the Institute for Nuclear Research in Lodz pursued the answers to crucial questions. They tried to discover where these cosmic rays originated. how they achieved their enormous energies and how they interacted with matter.

Jerzy Wdowczyk - known to all as George — was born in Poland. His childhood was scarred by the German occupation of his country and he was always to remember how he and his family had to live in hiding in a forest for several months and how they suffered from terrible food shortages. But throughout his life he retained a strong sense of patrionism and cultivated a great knowledge of Polish history.

At the age of 17 he worked as a teacher in a primary school for three years. But in 1955, at the age of 20, he gained a place to study Physics at the University of Lods and it was there that he was to spend the rest of Cosmic ray research had

been started in Lodz at the Institute for Nuclear Research (associated with the university) by Alexander Zawadzki, himself a brilliant teacher and researcher. However, when he left for Paris in 1968 Wdowczyk stepped into his shoes. With his intuitive understanding of physics, cou-pled with considerable mathematical abilities and a personal enthusiasm and charm, he quickly established Lodz as major cosmic ray research centre.

He collaborated with other universities all over the world, including in Britain, Germany, France and the United States. But perhaps his most important collaboration was with the University of Durham, where he held an honorary doctorate. Starting in 1965, he was a frequent visitor to the university and reciprocally played host to the Durham group in Lodz. He and Arnold Wolfendale from Durham advanced many ideas in their research field and it was said that no cosmic ray conference was complete without the presentation of a new Wdowczyk-Wolfendale theory - some of them actually turned out to be

However, Wdowczyk's collaboration with the Soviet Union, though it had been profitable at first, fell on hard times with the collapse of Communism, though he did continue to coax some funds out of a variety of agencies.

Wdowczyk served as chairman of the cosmic ray commission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, as well as of many held in Lodz. Earlier this year he chaired the 15th Cracow Summer School of Cosmology, a school devoted to one of his specialities: the thorny question of the mass composition of ultra high energy cosmic rays.

He was a Curie prizewinner and a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

He leaves a widow, Helen. herself a physicist, and two sons and a daughter.

The Rev Anthony Bell, Priest-incharge, Byers Green, and Indus-trial Chaplain, Teesside (Durham): to be Priest-in-charge, Ault Hucknall (Derby).

The Rev Michael Bishop, Vicar, Sutton w Carlton and Normanton upon Trent (Southwell): to be Priest-in-charge, Church Broughton w Barton Blount. Boylestone and Sutton-on-the-Hill and Trusley, and Longford, Long Lane, Dalbury and Radbourne (Derby). The Rev Janet Bromley, Curate. Westbury-on-Trym: to be Curate. benefice and parish of Wroughton (Bristol).

His Honour the Worshipful and The Rev Dr Rupert Bursell, Chancellor of the diocese of St Albans: to aniso an Honorary Canon of the thedral and Abbey Church of St

The Right Rev Peter Coleman. formerly Suffragan Bishop of Crediton (Exeter), to be an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese Buth and Wells.

Church news

to be Chaplain, Yeovil College, and Senior Assistant Priest. The Camelor Parishes (Bath and Wells). The Rev Andrew Davey, Vicar, St Luke, Camberwell: to be Area Ministry Development Adviser (nart-time), within the Woolwich Episcopal Area Mission Team

The Rev John Draper, Assistant Curate, St Francis, Leigh Park and St Clare, Warren Park: to be Rector, St Mary the Virgin.

Rowner (Portsmouth). The Rev Christine Everett, Minister w pastoral responsibility for Great Bealings, Little Bealings w Culpho: to be Priest-in-charge of that benefice (St Edmundsbury

and loswich). The Rev John Goldsmith, Vicar, all Saints, Matlock Bank, and Rural Dean of Wirksworth: to be Priestin-charge, Kirk Hallam (Derby). The Rev Mary Goldsmith, NSM, All Saints, Matlock Bank to be charge, Watton at Stone: to be also Priest-in-charge, Bramfield w Stapleford and Waterford (St

Albans). The Rev Horace Harper, Vicar, Dresden and Priest-in-charge, Normacot (Lichfield): to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral. The Rev Christopher Harrison, Vicar, Forest Hill (Southwark): to be Priest-in-charge. Fenny Bentley. Thorpe, Tissington, Alsop-en-le Dale and Parwich (Derby).

The Rev Richard Harrison, Team Vicar, St Philip, Bournemouth (Salisbury): to be Assistant Curate, w special responsibility for St Mary, Buriton, and Education and Training Co-ordinator for Petersfield deanery (Portsmouth). The Rev Paul Hastrop, Team Vicar, St Paul and St Luke, Thornaby on Tees (York): to be

Priest-in-charge, St Saviour, Stamshaw (Portsmouth). The Rev Stanley Haworth, Vicar, enine St James (Peterborough):

The Rev Bill Hopkinson, Priest-in charge, Tenterden St Michael: fulltime director. Board of Ministry and Training (Canterbury).

The Rev Stephen Jones, Assistant Curate, Howden Team Ministry. w special responsibility for Wressle and Barmby: to be Chaplain at St Elphin's School, Darley Dale (Derby). Resignations and retirements

The Rev Denis Desert, Rector, Northill w Moggerhanger (St Al-bans): to retire September 30. The Rev Charles Dodd, Priest-in charge, Bretby and Newton Solney (Derby): retired August 31, bu continues as Chaplain (half-time) Industrial Mission in Derbyshire. Canon Geoffrey Davies, Vicar. Lymm (Chester): retired as Rural Dean of Great Budworth on July 31, and will retire as Vicar, Lymm,

October 6. The Rev Derek Gibling, Vicar, Hartington and Biggin w Earl Sterndale (Derby): retired Septem-The Rev Brother Serge Middleton-Dansky. Honorary Priest-in-

ROYALTY THEATRE "I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE"

By J. B. Priestley Lewis Casso William Fo Mr Priestley quotes Rossetti: "I have been here before

But when or how I cannot tell:" and gracefully acknowledges his debt to Ouspensky "for some of Dr. Gortler's theories of Time and Recurrence", but forgets that philosophical young gentleman of Siam

Who said: 'It appears that I am A creature that moves
In predestinate grooves
I'm not even a 'bus, I'm a tram.'

But perhaps Mr. Priestley remembered and rejected him, for it must be confessed that the analogy (and possibly the quotation) is not precise. Strictly, Dr. Gortler's theory is that we are trolley-buses, moving ordinarily on a slightly spiral course and repeating the greater part of our lives over and over again, but with the possibility of a saving, or a damning, swerve The swerve portically and dramati

ON THIS DAY

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Having studied the writings of the philosopher P.D. Ouspensky, and J.W. Dunne's widely read book An Experiment with Time, J.B. Priestley wrote two "time" plays: I Have Been Here Before and Time and the Conways

cally, is the making of the play, overriding a rigidity of theory that threatens to be barren and so transforming the story that it becomes beyond question the most far-reaching that Mr. Priestley has written for the theatre or for the library. The scene is a country inn on the Yorkshire moors. Here Dr. Gortler comes expecting to find what he does find - a group of people, a rich husband, an unhappy wife, and a young schoolmaster, whose futures he has, so to speak, rapped. Oliver is fated to run away with Janet; Walter, Janet's husband, will kill himself: by his death scandal and ruin will come to many people, and the lovers be

has happened before and will happen again unless an act of intervention breaks the recurrence, and Gortler, who has not been in this inn before, is the bringer of fresh knowledge — the only possible intervener. This is the point at which to say that Mr. Priestley makes the best possible use, from the outset, of the sense of fate in all these people's minds. and that, even if its third act were not in a class apart from the rest, the play would still be taut and exciting. Every one in it is interesting in himself, not the pupper of a theory. Mr. Wilfrid Lawson's study of the husband's nerve-ridden despair has a rare intensity and power to evoke the spirits of evil: Mr. Fox shows with genuine accomplishment the change in the schoolmaster when the wind of destiny blows in the face of his rationalism; Miss Patricia Hilliard gives to the girl a saving tension; and Mr. Lewis Casson, whose production of the play is remarkable in its judgment of emphasis and pace, makes Gortler lovable as well as wise. But Gortler is never wiser - and this is the play's distinguishing merit — than when he and Mr. Priestley suddenly break the stiff outline of their theory and transcend it by an act of spiritual perception. Man can escape from his groove, says Gortler, and by an imaginative act transform his destiny and re-

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Clarke angers Tories on currency

■ Kenneth Clarke reignited the Tory row over Europe when he said that it would be pathetic if Britain delayed signing up to a single currency and then decided later that it wanted to join. The Chancellor expected six or eight countries to set up a common currency on target in 1999 and if Britain was not among them, it would have lost the opportunity............Page 1

Wright will keep bishop title

The Roman Catholic church admitted that the runaway bishop Roderick Wright is likely to remain a titular bishop despite his betrayal of his church and family. A church insider disclosed that the bishop's clerical status remains unaffected, although he will received no pay or pension from the Church. Ann Widdecombe, the Conservative MP, called for Bishop Wright to be excommunicated.....

Thatcher's views

Baroness Thatcher is said today by a former policy adviser to have held views on Germany in the last year of her premiership which were little different to those of Alf Garnett

Yeltsin dilemma

President Yeltsin's life and the fate of his reforms hung in the balance as doctors debated whether he was fit enough to undergo his planned multiple by-.....Page i pass surgery.....

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Esther Rantzen has told BBC executives that her career has been jeopardised by a Panorama journalist who wrote an article criticising her methods.....Page 5 Caesarean law suit

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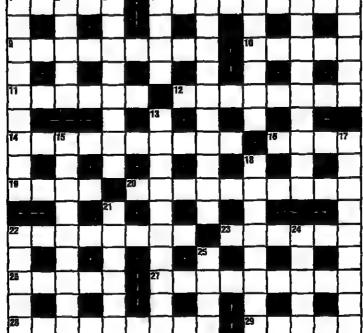
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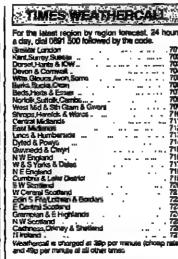
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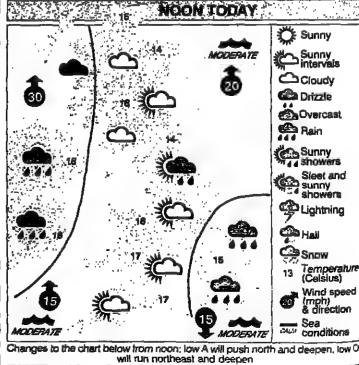
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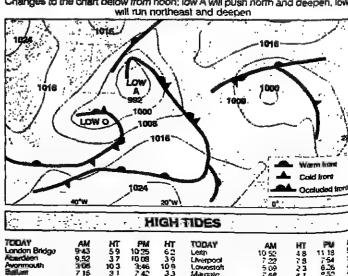
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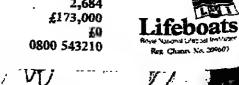


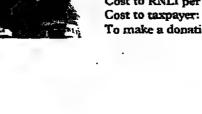


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Villeneuve leads Hill through the chicane in the Portuguese Grand Prix at Estoril yesterday before pulling clear. Hill must finish in the first six in Suzuka to be sure of the title. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Villeneuve's victory takes championship to final race

Hill driven to the wire

HOW THE RIVAL DRIVERS VIEW THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWDOWN

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN ESTORIL

IT WAS once a headlong pursuit, a swashbuckling, carving dash for the title that left the rest of the best drivers in the world choking on his exhaust fumes. Now, Damon Hill's struggle to clinch his first Formula One drivers' world championship has become an agonising crawl on all-fours. knees bloodled and el'nws grazed.

Suddenly, now that two chances to wrap the championship up early have slipped through his grasp, Hill will find himself a hostage to fortune when he tries for the last time to clinch the title at the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka in three weeks, the final race of the season. He finished second

Jacques Villeneuve, his Williams-Renault team-mate and the only man who can catch him, in a thrilling Portuguese Grand Prix here yesterday and still holds a nine-point lead over his rival. But instead of going East with his title, he is only a mechanical failure or a bockmarker's error away from finishing world championship runner-up for the third year in succession. Villeneuve's win may also

delay a decision on Hill's future. His capture of the championship would un-doubtedly boost his earning potential and, although there are rumours that his destination will be announced today. it is far more likely, with Benetton, Jordan and Stewart still showing interest, that negotiations will drag on. The title should still be his.

of course. Villeneuve must win to have any chance of denying Hill the achievement that once seemed likely to come with several races to spare and, even if he does, the Englishman needs only to finish in the top six to claim the prize he deserves so richly. If they were to finish level on points, Hill would take the title by virtue of

The legions of British fans who will stay up late into the night to watch him try to end his odyssey in Japan, though, will have uncomfortable memories of final-race showdowns, of dreams shattered at the final hurdle by circumstances beyond their heroes' control. It will be a nerve-jangling, nailbiting occasion.

They will remember Nigel

Manseil slewing across the track in Adelaide in 1986 after a puncture ruined his hopes and handed the title to Alain Prost. They will recall, too. Hill's intense gaze after Michael Schumacher used his crippled Benetton to drive him off the road at the same circuit two years ago, handing the championship to the German

by a single point.

"Anything is possible in motor racing," Villeneuve said, after he had driven to a brilliant victory here. "Nine points does not look very good, but you never know what can happen. Damon could make a mistake, something could go wrong with his car, but then again, that could happen to

me, 100. "It will be a great battle and

HILL

(87 POINTS)

'I don't know how

Jacques got in front of

me. I thought I had

enough in hand when I

went into the pits. I was

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i am still absolutely

confident that I will

be world champion.

I was pretty shocked,

it is not over until it is over. Until the last lap is finished, you never know what the outcome will be. I will just have to try to win, to do everything I possibly can and see what happens then. It is going to be very interesting."

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Hill has not won for four - since the German Grand Prix at the end of July and his performance yester day even provoked a mild rebuke from the Williams technical director, Patrick Head. "Jacques won the race on his speed, which Damon did not have," Head said. "I felt Damon should have wrapped it up here, but I still expect him to do it in Japan. I would stake my life-savings on

Hill, who looked as though he was going to clinch the championship at the Italian Grand Prix in Monza a fortnight ago until he collided with a pile of tyres on the fifth lap and was forced to retire, made another fire start vester. made another fine start yester-day and watched in delight as Villeneuve was passed by both Jean Alesi and Schumacher

before the first corner. . But, after the young Canadi-an had executed a daring and startling overtaking manoeu-vre to pass Schumacher on the sixteenth lap of the 70-lap race. he began to erode Hill's advantage. Hill's bravura in the

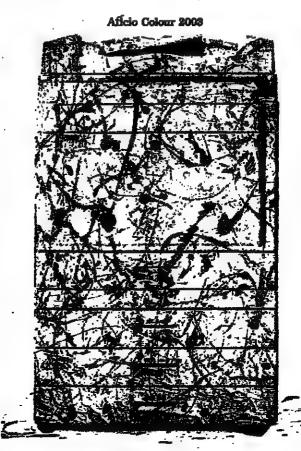
early part of the race was replaced by a more cautious approach as the prize beckoned, and that allowed Villeneuve to move himself right on to Hill's tail.

When they both made their third and final pit-stops, Villeneuve sneaked out just in front and clutch problems in the latter stages prevented Hill from attempting to pass his rival. Villeneuve coasted home by nearly 20 seconds, with Schumacher third.

"Before this race," Hill said, "I could not help but think I was within an hour and 45 minutes of becoming world champion. But I will have to wait until Suzuka now to find out what is going to happen. I have waited for it all season; in fact, I have waited for it for several seasons, and for longer than that, so I suppose I can wait for three more weeks.

"I drove today with the world championship in mind. When they told me towards the end that there was a clutch problem, I thought the last thing I needed at that stage of the race was a mechanical failure and a non-finish. I am still absolutely confident that I will be world champion at the end of the season."

The celebrations will have to wait for Suzuka and the famous Log Cabin bar in its grounds where Ayrton Senna, Hill's late team-mute, celebrated championship victories in the past. If he had clinched the title last night, he would have partied into the early hours of this morning at a nightclub called Coconuts in the seaside town of Cascais. Instead, for one more race, he is going to be the target in a shy.



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VILLENEUVE (78 POINTS)

'I had nothing to lose by passing Michael, I had to beat Damon or lose the championship right there. It was a big risk --- but it was worth it. Nine points does not look very good, but you never know what can happen. Damon could make a mistake, something could go wrong with his car. It will be a great battle.'

Walker takes honours after bad break for Eurosport

A untile still has a few friends in the pit lane of Formula One that help the BBC to maintain a slight edge in motor racing broadcasting almost to the very end of the road. Of course, it is commercial considerations that will force the BBC out of motor racing next season, but yesterday it was a commercial break, forced on the only rival broadcaster in the United Kingdom, Eurosport, that emphasised the advantage handed to Murray

Walker and his crew. While the BBC's man in the pits, Tony Jardine, was being iold exclusively that Damon Hill's problem in the last ten laps of the Portuguese Grand Prix was due to a slipping clutch, Eurosport was off air. When it returned, not even John Watson, whose former

driving experience and most precise ability to translate what is happening inside the cockpit and the minds of the racers, was informed about the reason why Hill began losing a crucial half a second a lap to his Williams' teammate and yesterday's race victor, Jacques Villeneuve.

It is fascinating, the viewer having this satellite dish and a button that allows one to alternate transmissions between rival broadcasters of the same event. Few of us would switch off grandfather Walker for long: this 72-yearold who exudes enthusiasm for the sport the way the cars give off high-octane furnes. Ride with Walker, and you must abandon any pretence at suppressing chauvinism. He is British to the core, he

presumes that everyone at

lan 46. "Villeneuve is right behind him!" Long before this the differences between the BBC and

Hill wins through.

Thank goodness ITV, when

it takes over from the BBC

next season, has seen the good

sense in capturing Walker.

For all that audiences have

been encouraged to laugh at

his human gaffes, he trans-

mits knowledge laced with

such a volume of emotion that

he remains an act in himself.

"Damon has got to stay ice cool, ice cool," he shouted on

home is riding with Damon and no one else, and even his cerebral co-commentator, puts a soothing and restrain ing hand on the high-pitched tone of Walker's own commentary, the paternal protectiveness from Walker towards

ROB HUGHES TV Action Replay

Eurosport had been apparent, The commercial channel offered such a greater commitment, spending hours taking the viewer through practice laps that, with the insight of Watson at the microphone. left us in no doubt that the Williams chassis made it the car that no other manufacturer could compete with on this Estoril circuit. Mischievously, Watson had admitted: "I'd like it to rain half an hour before the start, just to add that little bit of ginger to 20

But, when they were on the starting grid, the BBC once again had the inside track of a man with his feet on the Tarmac. The presenter, Steve Rider, interviewed Hill 20 minutes before the green light and elicited the comment: "I'm planning to make a blinding start, though I'm aware I just have to remain in the present (rather than thinking of next season] and concentrate on my job." The rival broadcast stations

both paid immediate tribute

demons from his starting technique, though again Walker was closest to the pitch. "It's a wonderful start for Damon Hill, it's a bad start for Jacques Villeneuve."

he called. On the opening laps, as Hill eased smoothly away and Alesi kept both Schumacher and Villeneuve behind him. Watson came into his own. He spoke of listening to Villeneuve's engine, observing the "short shifts" the adian was deploying to avoid wheel spin in the turbulence behind Schumacher's Ferrari. And Watson added that "Alesi can't run any quicker, but Schumacher and Villeneuve are trapped in the air behind him, whereas Hill has clean air and a clear track ahead of him".

between the BBC and Eurosport in identifying the crowning piece of driving, the determination with which overtook Villeneuve Schumacher on lap lo when both came across the slower moving back marker. Gianni Lavaggi. And, if the Portu-guese television pictures that both were dependent upon flagged towards the middle of

the race, then so, just a little. did the concentration of Walker. "I'm not going to say there aren't any clouds in the sky. because there are clouds in the sky." he commented, "but they're very healthy white

It was, however, Walker who first voiced suspicions that something other than a lack of aggressive driving was Hill back after the third fuel stop, and it was

obviously angered when Pat-rick Head, the Williams' technical director, said in an interview that the technical problem was slight, but Villeneuve had been more aggressive in getting through the back markers.

At the end, Rider called, a shade optimistically for viewers to switch on live for the final race, which will mean rising before the sun on October 13 when the Japanese Grand Prix begins at 5am. It is the BBC's last race of the era but, two years ago, when the season similarly finished at an ungodly hour with a race from Melbourne, three million viewers sat through the night. They may do so again, the finger poised on the button between the BBC and

MOTOR RACING: CANADIAN MAKES DECISIVE MOVE IN STUNNING STYLE TO KEEP HIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES ALIVE

Villeneuve sparkles with star quality

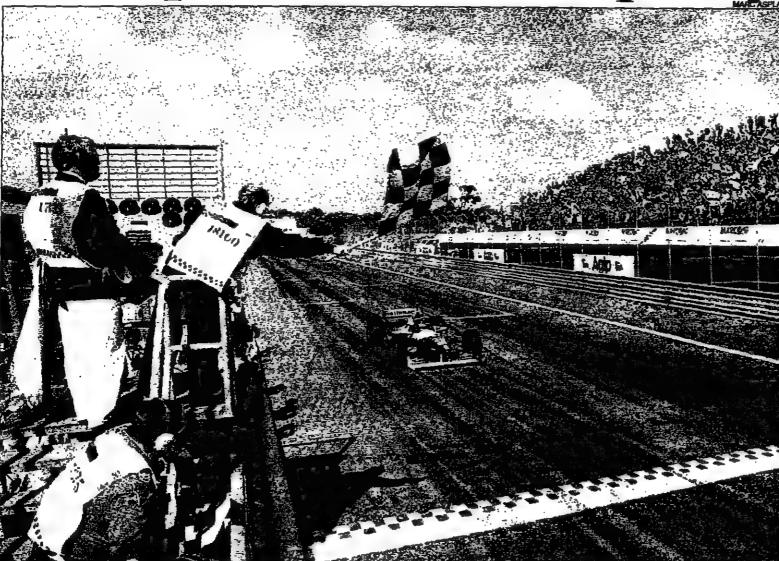
THEY got the flotsam and jetsam out of the way in the preliminary skirmishes and then they battled it out headto-head. The Portuguese Grand Prix here swayed one way, then the other, but just when Damon Hill must have thought his clusive first world drivers' championship was in his pocket, Jacques Villeneuve drove the race of his young life to keep his own hopes alive.

Villeneuve produced a manoeuvre straight from a film script to turn the race on its head and transform his fortunes. It was so bold it startled even its victim. Michael Schumacher, but the struggle for the title is going down to the wire and desperate measures are demanded in these Days of Thunder.

Villeneuve needed to win yesterday's race to have any chance of denying Hill, his Williams-Renault team-mate. the title when they contest the last grand prix of the season in Japan next month, but, after a dreadful start, the Canadian was lying in fourth place early in the race, stuck behind Schumacher and seemingly powerless to act as Hill gradually extended a comfortable lead.

Hill, who started the race from the twentieth pole position of his career and was buoyed by a hug from his friend, the former Beatle. George Harrison, on the grid before the start, made a fine getaway, a contrast to the stuttering starts he has suffered in recent races. He swerved first one way and then the other to block the advances of Villeneuve and Alesi respectively and hurtled into the first corner clear in the lead. He looked comfortable at the front as Villeneuve toiled behind Schumacher and the race looked as though it would become a duli procession that would push Hill inexorably

towards the championship. There had only been one overtaking move in the whole race at a circuit where it is notoriously difficult to overtake, when suddenly, on the sixteenth lap, Villeneuve closed right up on the German as he was slowed by the Minardi of Giovanni Lavaggi. As they rounded the final. sweeping turn that leads to the pit straight. Villeneuve stole



Villeneuve takes the chequered flag at Estoril to win the Portuguese Grand Prix and keep Hill's hands off the championship champagne

up on Schumacher's outside the world champion searched for him on the inside in his mirrors. It was the kind of melodramatic, swashbuckling move that Formula One has been starved of for so long. It seemed just and proper that it should be the turning point of the race.

By the time that Schumacher realised what was happening, it was too late and, as it seemed that Villeneuve would be boxed in behind Lavaggi as he tore along next to Schumacher, he darted out in front of him and into third place. He overtook Alesi when the Frenchman made his first pit stop on the 23rd lap and began to hunt down Hill.

"I think the experience I

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IndyCar racing helped with that move." Villeneuve said. "It was a lot of fun. I told the team before the race I was sure I could overtake on the

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would pick me off the guard rail. But it was worth it to take a big risk and I had nothing to lose. If I had not done it. Damon would be world

At first, it seemed even Villeneuve's daring would not

be enough as Hill drove a flawless race from the front and maintained a steady lead of up to 13sec over his rival until their second pit stops on the 34th and 35th laps. Hill still led, but Villeneuve wore him down. By the 37th lap. his advantage was just 2.1sec, next it was 1.4sec, then 0.8sec. The rest were nowhere. It was a

private battle. Hill made his third stop on the 49th lap, Villeneuve, mar-ginally quicker, on the fiftieth ap and, as Hill hurtled down the straight, the Canadian nipped out in front of him. was quite surprised," Hill said. "When I saw the car coming out. I thought it must be a Tyrrell. It was only when I got a bit closer and saw

the Rothmans livery on the

back that I realised it was "I felt pretty confident could stay ahead after my start, but Jacques did a great

job. After he got out in front, he was really flying and 1 could not stay with him. 1 cannot be too disappointed. though, because I am only one point away from the world

Hill's fading chances of catching his team-mate disappeared when he developed a clutch problem late in the race and Villeneuve accelerated away to victory by a margin of nearly 20sec. The championship may still elude the Canadian but, if he drives like this next season, he will not have much longer to wait for his

TOURING CARS

Controversy overtakes late charge by Menu

By MARK FOGARTY

ALAIN MENU, the Swiss driver, claimed second place from Rickard Rydell, in a Volvo, as the Auto Trader British Touring Car Championship came to a controversial conclusion at Brands Hatch yesterday. Menu won the 25th round of the series in his Renault Laguna and finished fourth in the final race to secure the runner-up spot for the third year in a row.

He overcame a deficit of 14 points to beat Rydell by three after the Swedish driver, who was also third in the championship last year, could only manage fifth in the first race and then failed to finish the deciding event when his Volvo 850 suffered a driveshaft

failure. But Menu's achievement was overshadowed by the aftermath of a collision with Roberto Ravaglia, of Italy, as they battled for the lead going into the first corner of the opening race. Menu's car made contact with Ravaglia's BMW 320i, sending them both into spins that set off a chain reaction of crashes behind them, causing the race to be

second place on the grid and led from the start while Ravagalia's car remained in the pits undergoing repairs until a few laps from the finish, when he rejoined at the tail of the field.

When Menu came up behind him on the last lap. Ravaglia, who was still angry about the earlier incident. balked him a few corners from the finish. Menu lost so much ground that he was almost overtaken by Ravaglia's BMW team-mate Peter Kox, of

"I have never seen anything so disgraceful in all my career. Menu said. Championship officials fined Menu £2,000 for causing the original collision but the penalty was overturned by race stewards on appeal, while Ravaglia was fined £1,500 for his blocking

IN BRIEF Zülle in

sight of victory in Spain

ALEX ZÜLLE, of Switzerland, tightened his grip on the Tour of Spain cycling race when he emerged from the mist to take the fifteenth stage at Alto Cruz de La Demanda yesterday. In another masterful display. Zülle launched a late attack to catch José Maria Jimenez near the line. The 210-kilometre stage was ridden in cold, wet conditions, the riders finishing almost an hour later than organisers had expected.

In the overall standings. Zülle leads Laurent Jalabert. of France, by Imin 21sec. with Laurent Dufaux, of Switzerland, just over four minutes further back.

With only six stages of the race to go, Zülle looks certain to be champion, having seen off his main challenger, Miguel Induráin, last Friday. Indurain retired from the race through exhaustion.

Late decider

Bowls: Alison Flint and Jim Marsland of Cove, Hampshire, won the Ashbourn Homes national mixed pairs championship at Watford yesterday, beating Graham Roe and Enid Adams, of Wilford,

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Nottingham, 19-18 in the final Roe and Adams built up a 14-6 lead but Flint and Marsland clawed back to lead 18-17 on the nineteenth end. Roe and Adams then tied the scores, only to concede a single on the deciding end.

Hamill's title

Speedway: Billy Hamill, of the United States, who rides for Cradley Heath and Stoke, snatched the world title from the defending champion, Hans Nielsen, on the latter's home track in Vojens, Denmark on Saturday.

Vaulting ahead

Gymnastics: Dominic Brindle, of Leeds, and Lisa Ma-Huntingdon. son, from became the new English champions in Liverpool at the weekend. Heathrow Gym Club, coached by Vincent Walduck, had three of the top Results, page 41 | six in the women's event

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GOLF: EUROPE'S ATTEMPT TO WREST CONTROL OF COVETED TROPHY UNDERMINED BY SERIES OF FAILURES ON FINAL DAY

Americans spurred by singular success

By JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE BELL in the tower of the medieval St Pierre church rang out yesterday, its resonant tones competing with the sounds of ducks squawking and wasps buzzing halfheartedly in the autumn sunshine. In such a British setting and on a Sunday in September, the day and the month when the Walker and Ryder Cups were famously captured from United States teams in 1995, the antics of celebration after a victory in the Solheim Cup by the Europe team not have inappropriate.

Instead, the bell took on a funereal note, one that heralded a dismal collapse by the home side in the singles on the third and final day of this

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competition. The United States thus broke the sequence of victories going to the home side, sweeping the singles 10-2 to win the match 17-11 and lead 3-1 in the biennial series that started in 1990.

The contest had been so spirited and even-handed since the Americans won the foursomes 34-4 on the first morning that no one expected the singles to be anything but hard-fought. "I wanted blue points on the board," Mickey Walker, the captain of the Europe team, said, explaining why she positioned Annika Sorenstam, Laura Davies and Liselotte Neumann, who are ranked first, second and third in the world, in the top four

Yet Sorenstam, the US Open champion, was the only one of the three to win a point. Indeed, she was the only Europe player to win her match. The United States competitors played as if they had been shocked at finding them-selves two points behind on Saturday night. They appeared to need no reminding that if they lost, the Walker, Curtis, Ryder and Solheim cups would all reside on this side of the Atlantic. Thus spurred on, they played with



One jump ahead: the United States team celebrate another success on the 18th green at St Pierre yesterday as Europe's attempt to regain the Solheim Cup fades away

the determination of hired assassins whose money would only be paid on satisfactory completion of their task.

Walker would surely have expected a more spirited display on the last day than she received. Only Sorenstam, Kathryn Marshall and Alison Nicholas were under par and Lisa Hackney was level. Perhaps too many of her team were tired. Davies, Sorenstam, Neumann and Catrin Nilsmark had played every match, whereas only Kelly Robbins did likewise for the

Davies could not reproduce anything like her form of Friday lunchtime. She had forecast that putting would decide this competition and it certainly settled her match against Michelle McGann. The sight of Europe's figure-head falling behind from the 3rd and eventually losing on the loth summed up the day. No one could doubt the

the back of the 1st tee. They were in full voice from the start, their chants, borne on the wind, echoing as far as the lith green. Choruses of: "If you're European and know it. clap your hands," accompa-nied by a lot of stamping, sent one Europe player after another on their way. Only Sorenstam showed

any sign of staunching the red tide. "On Saturday evening we got together and decided that we had to stop Laura getting up the momentum of a runaway train," Dottie Pepper, of the United States, said. "We had to get out there not to lose but to win and I must say it was very gratifying every time I looked at the board to see there were red numbers up

Marshall, despite being under par herself, could make no progress against Val Skinner, who was out in 32, three under par. Neumann, who has been slightly off form all week, bravely snatched a half from Beth Daniel by holing from 12ft for a birdie on the 18th. On a day when the Americans putted well, Beth Daniel proved an exception with her attempt to match Neumann, missing one that

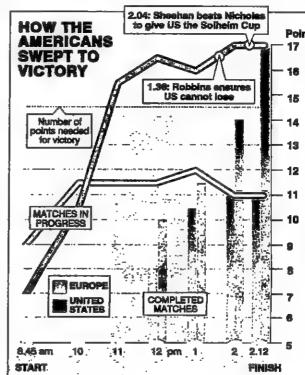
would have given her victory. Europe's other half was gained by Nicholas, whose doughty performance was in marked contrast to the way that Joanne Morley, Marie Laure de Lorenzi and Nilsmark all capitulated. Morley and Nilsmark began with sevens, de Lorenzi with a six Rosie Jones, Patti Sheehan and Betsy King needed no further incentives and all three were three up by the

The United States got one hand on the cup when Brandie Burton holed an improbable pitch on the 16th against Hackney after hitting a drive way out to the right for the second time in as many holes. Hackney, who had fought back to one down and reached the green, must have been that she holed for a birdie on the 17th only went some way towards consoling her. Kelly Robbins made sure

the Americans retained the trophy in a way that was appropriate for such an impressive player. One down to Nicholas on the 18th, she hit a magnificent two-iron that trickled over the green. From there she chipped and oneputted to halve with Nicholas. Sheehan settled the match,

her victory over Nilsmark giving the United States the fifteenth point moments be-fore Meg Mallon comfortably despatched a disappointing Helen Alfredsson, who had iour bogeys in her last eight

The previous afternoon Alfredsson, while supporting her team-mates by the edge of the 6th green, had held out her left hand to show off the callouses on it. "I am one hard-working girl - and don't you ever forget it," she said. Yesterday, all that work did



The crowd perked up. Davies

hit a lovely pitch and holed a

The 16th, a par three of 210 yards, is the feature hole and

Davies had the honour for the

first time in the match. Surely,

this would be the fightback to

spark a team revival. Davies

sized up the shot, with a two-

iron, wiped her brow and

tried to dredge up something

from somewhere. But this

was her ninth event in as

many weeks and the effort of

the previous two days, four

matches more intense than

anything required before, had

taken its toll. The shot was

weak, short and right, the

McGann, who had played the hole well from the first

practice day and loved it, hit

an imperious three-wood that

looked good all the way and

ran up to four feet from the

pin. For the first time, she let

herself go and exchanged a high five of the deepest satis-

faction with Donna Early, her

caddy. They knew it was all

over. Even Davies could not

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Saturday.

Patricia Davies sees Europe's leading player struggle to bear the burden of carrying a continent's hopes of glory

Davies, but even she has her limits and, in the end, being the inspiration of an entire continent proved too much. At level going into the final day. St Pierre yesterday, the talis-Davies was buried down at No 7. Yesterday, Davies was manic factor was overcome by out third, where she came up something a little more prosaic good, solid professional-ism, albeit allied with plenty

of talent. "My match was not a key," Davies said afterwards, but she was wrong. In the Solheim Cup. Davies is the team talisman, for better or worse, and is perceived as such by the opposition -Dottie Pepper talked about Davies being "out there like a runaway train", a reference to the Englishwoman's exceptional birdie blitzes in the fourballs on Friday and

Her natural position is at the head of affairs - she inspired from the front when Europe won at Dalmahoy in 1992 — but Mickey Walker, her captain, now seems reluctant to play her there in the singles. At The Greenbrier two years ago, with the teams

straw hats, but it was just

against Michelle McGann. In their team talk on Saturday night, the Americans reckoned that McGann, the ing. Junoesque figure, was just the gal to take on the world No I. McGann has won

26-year-old Floridian, a strikthree times already this season, most recently when she beat Davies in a play-off at the State Farm Rail Classic in Illinois at the beginning of the month, and is second only to Davies in driving distance on the LPGA (Ladies' Professional Golf Association) Tour. She averages 256.5 yards off the tee, with Davies averaging 260.9 yards.

On the 1st tee, the players posed together for the official photographs and the crowd teased McGann with a chant of "Where's your hat?" - she is famous for her dazding

windy enough for her to wear

a baseball cap.
The American smiled, but looked very concentrated and composed, a look she maintained throughout. Davies outdrove her by 25 or 30 yards at the 1st, but the hole was halved in par fives, Davies missing from eight feet and McGann from a little nearer.



Davies had further birdie chances at the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th, driving level with the green at the latter, a par four of 309 yards, where McGann hit an iron for position, but parred them all. McGann, who played the more blemishfree golf throughout, was twoup at the turn, with birdies at

The atmosphere, like Davies, was flat, in sharp contrast to the day before. It was not until the 14th that she strayed from par - and she was over rather than under, hitting a tree with her drive and duffing a pitch. The error was compounded when McGann holed a six-footer for

the 3rd and 9th.

a winning par. McGann then hit a cracker down the middle at the 15th and a subdued-looking Davies drove into the rough on the right. Attempting one of her specials, she topped the ball. It looked all over, but McGann miscued and put her

TWICE this season Thomas Bjorn has led a tournament going into the last day. In August he faded to a final share of seventh place in the Scandinavian Masters; yesterday he topped that by a factor of about 20 by winning the grandly-named Loch Lomond World Invitational with a performance that combined a lorryload of determination and a bucketful of style.

Bjorn finished with a 70 for a total of 277, seven under par, a stroke ahead of Jean van de Velde, his French rival, with whom he slugged it out toe-totoe over the final 36 holes. Robert Allenby was third, four shots behind the winner, with Colin Montgomerie and Jonathan Lomas sharing fourth place, a further shot adrift.

Bjorn came into this last day knowing that, if all went to plan, he would become the first Dane to win on the PGA European Tour, so there was an element of national as well as personal pride at stake. It is not known if they were

dancing in the streets of Silkeborg, his home town, last night; the Danes' place in ancient history is based more on raping, looting and pillag-ing than tripping the light fantastic, but one expects that modest celebrations were afoot. Bjorn won £125,000 ---

and that is a lot of Danegeld. "I knew, if I could keep up the sort of golf I had been playing over the other three days, I could win," he said. There were a lot of good names behind me and I knew if they made an early move it could change things totally. Fortunately, they didn't."

Allenby was paired with Montgomerie in the penultimate group and, as the winners of three tournaments

apiece this season, it might have been expected that one of them might mount a charge. Instead, all they achieved was to hold the positions they occupied at the beginning of the day.

Bjorn, buoyed up by a goodluck message from Brian Laudrup, his fellow Dane, who plays football for Rangers, was level with Van de Velde through the turn, but the complexion of the piece changed on the 12th and 13th holes. Van de Velde dropped a shot on the 12th, then Bjorn birdied the 13th. The 25 minutes those two holes took were more telling than the four hours that surrounded them. Meanwhile, Nick Faldo's

public display of affection for the Loch Lomond lay-out ran like a teenage love affair. It started on Tuesday with a declaration of admiration, continued on Wednesday, turned into total adoration after a 68 on Thursday and only started to turn sour during matching 73s on Friday and Saturday.

By late yesterday afternoon the grand passion was spent; Faldo's 77 saw to that. He looked increasingly frustrated as he bogeyed three holes in succession from the 5th and four more dropped shots on the way home, including a double-bogey six at the 14th.

His expression said It all; words were hardly necessary. Not that he said much, anyway. His post-round press conference consisted of precisely four words: badly, very badly."

Further questions were nipped in the bud by his rapid evacuation in a buggy, stonyfaced; there are times when Faido could be curt for England, and this was a classic of

EQUESTRIANISM: UNTIMELY FAULT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR IN-FORM BRITON TO EXTEND SUCCESSFUL SEQUENCE

Nicholson's dawdle allows King to continue reign

King: run continues

By JENNY MACARTHUR

THE unstoppable Mary King gained her fourth significant success in as many weeks when she and King Solomon relegated Andrew Nicholson, her arch-rival, on Dawdle, to second place in The Blenheim Vauxhall Monterey Interna-tional Horse Trials by 0.15pts. Both horses are eight-yearolds, and should renew their rivalry at Badminton next

Nicholson, who has been runner-up to King at Gatcombe and Burghley in the past month, came frustratingly close to toppling her. Placed third after the cross country, he achieved the only clear round among the top eight in the showjumping

allowed King to have one fence down and retain the lead. "It's the only time he's ever had a time fault," Nichol-

son said King had not realised that Nicholson was outside the time and thought that she had "blown it" when the ninth fence fell. "I couldn't understand why everyone was cheering at the end," she said. When she learnt of Nichol-

son's expensive time fault, she attributed it to his altruism. "He's such a gentleman," she said - within earshot of the bemused New Zealander. Christopher Bartle, the Great Britain team dressage trainer, gained his best inter-

national result when he and

Word Perfect, an eight-year-

old by Lexicon, on which he

was fifth at Bramham, fin-

incurring ten penalties yesterday. Bartle, whose such place in

Los Angeles in 1984 remains the best Olympic dressage performance by a Briton, was one of only four riders to jump

Photograph

clear within the time on the substantially upgraded cross country course on Saturday.

King, 35, who had a similar run of success in 1991, when she won five three-day-events in a row, had a more turbulent cross-country round. King Solomon, who is owned jointly by Frizzell, King's sponsor, and

ished in third place - despite Gill Robinson, spooked badly at the first fence and then put both feet on the flower bed adorning the front of the fence before scrambling over.

"It made us both a bit nervous," King said. "His eyes were on stalks for the first few fences." The cautious start contributed to the 4.8 time faults that they incurred. Nicholson, who was clear

within the time on Dawdle, was one of several riders who criticised the number of corner" obstacles on the 30-fence course.

Keepers Corners, where Pippa Funnell, on The Turmaline Rose, who was in second place after the dressage, incurred 20 penalties, was followed shorty by The Vauxhali Double Trouble, a second double of corners.

where William Fox-Pitt fell on Tawny Owl.

Two big corners close together with three short strides between them is not ideal," Nicholson said, "especially when horses have already done two corners earlier on the course."

Mike Etherington-Smith, the director and course designer, was unrepentant. "It was a strong three-star course, but I don't feel I overdid it," he said. The experimental formula,

whereby horses went in reverse order on Saturday, was not a success. With most of the less experienced horses going first, it gave an inaccurate impression of how the course was riding and was disappointing for spectators, who had to wait a long while before seeing any of the top names.



Youngsters offer Graham consolation in defeat

David Miller believes the English game can only benefit from the skills

irst, the good news.
Leeds United though at half-strength and then further reduced after 52 minutes by Carlton Palmer's sending off, revealed a collective spirit in a 1-0 defeat by Newcastie United on Saturday that can take the dub a long way. George Graham will be reassured that he has not inherited from Howard Wilkinson a leaden, dispirited squad. At Elland Road, of all places, it is uncommon to hear a losing team being cheered

Newcastle, likewise satisfied, gained their third win away from home, an ability which a few months ago could have won them the FA Carling Premiership title. Kevin Keegan was glad to welcome "a new trend", comparing this perfor-mance with one of the finest of last season ... at Anfield, where they lost by the odd goal in seven. Now. Alan Shearer's first goal for them with a moving ball, following three when it was static, wiped from the slate another small fraction of the massive investment in his muscular but unsubtle skills.

Bad news? In 90 minutes of predominantly rugged challenges and often inaccurate passing, punctuated occasionally by the mercurial Asprilla, there was little to foster any optimism that our most strongly attended clubs are moving any nearer the sophistication of better foreign teams.

Furthermore, it was discourag-

of imported players if referees apply the laws correctly to protect them ing, if predictable, to hear Graham criticising Paul Alcock, the Surrey referee, for applying the laws which prevent players kicking each other.

Norman Hunter, chopper-turned

commentator, observed at half-time that he had not seen one tackle in a first half in which three, besides Palmer, were booked. Not Huntertackles, perhaps, and all the better Long-term benefit to the English

game of the prolific import of foreigners such as Asprilla, Cantona, Kinkladze and the rest will only occur if they are correctly protected by referees so that they

may demonstrate how the game can be played with imagination. Keegan said that, at half-time, he had warned his players that the referee was severe on kicking euphemistically termed tackling from behind. We can but wish the same would be true of every referee in every match, but too many selfserving managers are inclined to confuse the issue by random denigration of referees who restrict physical excess. Neither Graham

nor Keegan became outstanding

players themselves by bending the

laws as opposed to bending the ball.

The absence of Yeboah, Dorigo.

Deane, Bowyer and Pemberton certainly presented Graham with a and contributed to problem. another defeat in his new post. Yet Ford. Couzens and his substitute Jackson, inexperienced youngsters, heartening zeal to their brought to match Newcastle in midfield. So much so that Newcastle, without Ferdinand,

were seldom dominant. Indeed, there were still question marks against Newcastle's defence. suspect last season and which Sharpe and the profligate Wallace now came close to exploiting in the last half hour, and might have done

with a leader more penetrating than the slowing Rush. Graham's initial 3-4-3 formation looked effective until Palmer's fouls on Asprilla and Shearer forced his departure shortbefore half-time, after which

Leeds compacted into 4-3-2. This formation was punctured only once, on the hour, when Beardsley and Lee created the gap for Shearer to shoot low past Martyn. Newcastle were strong on effort, short on inspiration. Asprilla, in his second appearance alongside Shearer, gave the occa-sion its few moments of fantasy. though their lack of integration left Shearer scratching his chin in puzziement. Where and how does

Asprilla play when Ferdinand is fit? Keegan's other selection dilemma also remains: the elusive, temperaleft, or the busy Gillespie, substitute when Ginola pulled a hamstring after half an hour?

Newcastle should in fact have put the issue beyond doubt before Shearer scored. Three times in the last 20 minutes of the first half, Asprilla ghosted clear. The first time his low cross went begging, the second Shearer hit a piledriver of a shot straight at Martyn. the third saw Shearer smothered at the end of his run as he charged menacingly to meet the ball.

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FOOTBALL: TEENAGER SHOWS WAY AS LEICESTER ENJOY FIRST AWAY WIN OF PREMIERSHIP SEASON

Heskey puts Tottenham to the sword

Leicester City

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

TOTTENHAM Hotspur have still to win a home game in the League this season and, had they saved this one, it would have been a tragedy. Promoted Leicester City achieved their first away success of the FA Carling Premiership in

coruscating style. For long periods of the first half, they ran Tottenham ragged, especially down the right. and the home side could never subdue Leicester's muscular. dynamic. 18-year-old winger. Emile Heskey, whose display made you doubt more deepty than ever any system - England's included — that prefers wing backs to true

Leicester, it is true, very nearly threw the game away. Heskey had set up their opening goal after 21 minutes when, neatly fed by Taylor, he thundered down the right wing with Nethercott in futile attendance, finally crossing for Claridge to score.

Claridge himself probably have got the second goal that Leicester so badly needed to consolidate their superiority when Heskey put him through, but the striker, still hobbling from the injury which would eventually force him off the field, hesitated momentarily, could not get up steam and ended, eventually.

with a useless square pass. To give Tottenham their due, they were once ugain seriously below strength, although, once again, you had to wonder why they were so passive in the transfer market all summer. "We know what we need." Gerry Francis, the manager, said. "We've known what we've needed for a long time. Certainly, in some way, we've got to strengthen the squad. We need at least three players on top of the boys

This was no real excuse for



Campbell breaks through a tackle by Lewis as another Leicester player, Lennon, moves in to challenge him at White Hart Lane yesterday

was hard to be without either of their regular strikers, Teddy Sheringham and Chris Armstrong. Desperation. no doubt. moved Francis to try Campbell, the big, versatile defender, up front alongside young Allen. Andy Sinton, whose own physical state kept him off the field until half-time, did make a difference when he

eventually came on. Mysteriously, the Israel international, Ronny Rosenthal, utes from the end, having spent much of the previous 85 trotting forlornly up and down the touchline. It is strange the club should keep him at all when he is deployed so rarely and almost grudgingly.

Leicester's football was measurably more imaginative, inventive and, above all, quicker than Tottenham's. aylor and izzet were full of life, skill and ideas in midfield. Heskey, according to his manager, Martin O'Neili "was absolutely magnificent", who added: "He's very important for us. I keep forgetting he's 18. Just picks it up and goes at

In addition to making the

Nethercott after 56 minutes, also gained Leicester a penalty, which they missed. Usual-Parker would have taken it. but he was not yet on the field. Walsh hit it hard, but Walker, diving to his left, did wonderfully well to save it, even though there was some suspi-

cion that he might have carried it over his own line. Heskey, for good measure, struck the base of a post when he received the ball from Taylor a dozen minutes from the end. "The manager told us at half-time to keep it going." he said. "We picked ourselves up and kept if going."

Leicester, surely, are a team that can only improve and

their failing in midfield, but it was not used until five min- first goal, Heskey, fouled by their confidence, despite this wing corner by Parker. season's early disappointcuriously unopposed header ments, was a delight to sec. by Marshall. Marshall, in fact, should Nevertheless, as O'Neill point out: "Kasey Keller kept us in it really have got that vital second goal much earlier.

> When Tottenham had so fortuitously equalised from Wilson's penalty, after Prior fouled Campbell, they suddenly revived. Twice in a minute. Keller tipped over from Fox and Neilson. Eight minutes from the end, he saved a thunderbolt from Anderton, who is still playing despite his groin injury. Is this wise?

with a couple of magnificent

Leicester's much-delayed, deeply-deserved winner, five minutes from the end, was surprisingly simple — a right

you suspect he does not really believe it.

becoming genuine contenders. Gullit might have added victory. Chelsea are a glamoralso attract intense interest.

deflect it. When asked if he was saying that Chelsea could not win the title this season, he demurred. "We are a young side and I don't know if we can learn enough to become genuine challengers this season," he said. "We have to learn first

comfort from important lesson to some appalling individual

By DAVID MADDOCK

Gullit takes some

SO NOW we know. Liverpool have championship aspirations. Chelsea do not. Listening to the respective managers after an entertaining, if ulti-

Chelsea

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mately one-sided, contest that much was clear. Or was it? Liverpool certainly have the talents to support their muchstated ambition. The talk among the players following a startling victory was not tinged with self-satisfaction. but with the importance of the gap developing between them-selves and Manchester United. It is that points difference which will be the real measure of their credentials.

But what of Chelsea? Are they really without a hope of winning the FA Carling Premiership this season? Ruud Gullit, the manager, suggested as much afterwards: but

He spoke of inflated expectation and that talk of being in the title shake-up was exaggerated. The defeat, he said, had come at the right time because it showed people Chelsea have a long way to go before

that it has also eased a pressure growing with every ous side these days, and they Their manager, it would appear, is rather hoping to

how to play the big games against the top-class sides."

Inference? They can.
This was a bad defeat, but owed as much to a freak set of circumstances as any massive collective failing. Chelsea actually had the better of the first half, but still found themselves three goals down. It was due

they suffered because of a tactical error by Gullit.

He began with a 4-12 formation and Chelsea were just not comfortable with it. The game was played at a terrific rattle and an exposed. flat defence was hurried into mistakes.

Gullit reverted to his threeman back-line after the break, but by then the horse was out of the stable, around the track and heading for the finish. Yet it could have been very different, if the referee had not ignored a blatant trip on Hughes in the penalty area at I-0; if Berger's apparently offside first goal had not been allowed to stand and if Hughes had not been spectacularly thwarted, again at 1-0.

Liverpool seem a safer bet for the title. Last season's suspect defence has been stiffened by the discovery of Dominic Matteo's talent as a sweeper. Glenn Hoddle, the watching England manager. will also have enjoyed the ever-growing maturity of McManaman and the confidence that a first Anfield goal of the season brought to

Fowler's play.
It was a foreigner, though. who took the honours. Patrik Berger has the grace of a jaguar moving forward and his two goals were taken with

After Fowler had put Liverpool ahead with an emphatic header in the fifteenth minute. Berger began to exert a controlling influence with intelligent running from deep. Both his goals owed much to criminal hesitancy in the Chelsea midfield, but his finishing was

wonderfully cool. The rout was completed by a disastrous own goal from Myers on the stroke of halftime, and Barnes - with a voiley that deflected wickedly off Lebeouf.

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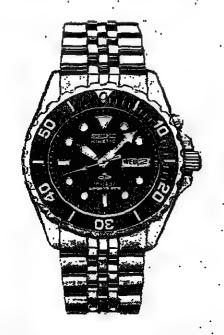
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CHELSEA: (4-4-2) K Hitchcock — D Patrescu, F Lebeout, S Clarke, A Myers (sub: M Duberry, 46) — J Morns (sub: J Spancer, 46), C Burley, R Di Manes, D Wise — G Wall, M Hughes

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Lazaridis flies flag for United nations

Nottingham Forest 0 West Ham United 2

BY RICHARD HOBSON

NO MANAGER has done more for international relations than Harry Redknapp, who is planting West Ham United's claret and blue flag into foreign soils with the zeal of a Victorian explorer. "It is amazing where you

can find players these days." he said. "If George Weah can come out of a place like Liberia, there must be footballers in every part of the world waiting to be found." Shorn of his Czech, Portuguese and one of his two Romanians on Saturday. Redknapp still managed to field representatives of six countries against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground. All have been schooled in football's common language and

this time an Australian, born of a Greek father, took the eye. Stan Lazaridis, playing on the left wing, created the first goal when he crossed for Mark Bowen at the far post a minute before half-time and gave Forest the runaround all afternoon, Although essentially left-footed, he revealed the ability to turn inside or out in a fashion similar to Steve Heighway, the former Liver-

pool winger. West Ham stumbled across Lazaridis. 23, when he played against them for West Adelaide on an end-of-season tour of Australia in 1995. Redknapp said: "I rang Frank Lampard

the assistant manager to find out how we had got on and he told me that this lad had run us ragged. I was due to fly out anyway, so when I got to Australia I checked him out and made sure he got on the plane home with us."

At £150,000, Lazaridis demonstrated that influential players need not always he the most expensive. Even after the 53rd-minute sending-off of Marc Rieper, for holding back Bryan Roy in what was deemed a goalscoring position, the visitors passed more accurately, moved more fluently and maintained greater composure on the ball.

Their second goal came immediately after the free kick brought about by Rieper's foul. Tony Cuttee ran through the heart of the Forest defence and, when his two efforts were blocked. Michael Hughes followed up to shoot beyond Mark Crossley from ten yards.

Forest felt they should have been awarded a penalty after 20 minutes, when Chris Allen fell under Moncur's challenge. Willard, booked Allen for diving, much to the anger of Frank Clark, the Forest manager, who considered the action a slur on the integrity of his player.

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Arsenal prove old habits die hard Middlesbrough0 Arsenal ...

BY PETER BALL

AS IF to remind the new regime being introduced at Highbury yesterday, the Arsenal old guard, with the help of Middlesbrough's defensive ineptitude, showed at the Riverside Stadium on Saturday that it is still alive and kicking in the FA Carling

Premiership. "It's back to the old Arsenal," one of their travelling fans with a laptop in the press box said admiringly. Indeed it was. There is no joy about Arsenal's football they go into battle with teeth and fists clenched and studs showing. It is war rather than the beautiful game.

Pat Rice, who has enjoyed a 100 per cent record as their caretaker manager, referred back to the days of Storey et al

side. Rice, of course was a member of that team and has come up with that ethos.
"When they lost it wasn't like a defeat, it was a catastrophe, it hurt them so much." Rice said.

On Saturday, that spirit was incurnated in Adams. "He's an inspirational player for the Arsenal." Rice said. "He was bursting to come on today, he was like a stallion that's been caged up and, all of a sudden. he's free." Adams came on after half

seven minutes from half-time.

to be exact, when, receiving

from Izzet, Heskey - who

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posts. He made amends later.

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an hour and marked his first game for the club since January by joining Hartson. Keown and Vieira in the referee's book, Juninho and Ravanelli, though, were less than impressed. Early in the second half. Juninho was left looking as if he had been hit by a tank after one fierce, if legal, challenge from Adams. But the little Brazilian kept

going, even if most of the time he was bouncing off the massed Arsenal defence. His brilliant, 30-yard free kick

beat Seaman and came out off the crossbar and another effort was turned onto a post by the goalkeeper, Ravanelli, though, faded dismally.

Perhaps he was just in despair at the shortcomings behind him. Vickers. Whyte and Whelan were simply inept. On their own ground, against a team of counterattackers, they were totally

in only the second minute. Dixon's splendid diagonal long pass found them square. trying to play Hartson offside, and failing. Hartson went on to lob the ball over Miller, who was caught in no-man's land. Ravanelli was soon angrily complaining to a referee's

assistant, pointing at the wound on his leg. The crowd was in a ferment at some of the tackling and the hope of an equaliser was cut short when Middlesbrough were again betrayed by their defence from

passed when Merson put his cross to Wright within Vickers's reach. Vickers intercepied, but his first touch was poor and, as he tried to retrieve his error, he trod on the ball and fell, leaving Wright to pick his spot.

And that was that. With Vieira the best player in midfield, the only surprise was that Arsenal did not score more goals. Merson mussed the best chance of the lot when Whelan took a cross away from Miller and teed him up. It hardly manered. "Arsenal were comfortable," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said. And with the arrival of

Arsene Wenger to come. "The dawning of a new era," Rice said. Let us hope so.

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Wenger finally moves in at Highbury

BY OUR SPORTS STAFT

ARSENE WENGER has explained how the lure of club football made him turn down the chance to become the technical director for the Football Association.

Wenger, the new Arsenal manager, made his long-delayed arrival in English football yesterday. He announced that Pat Rice, the caretaker at, would be his assistant and that the two men would work together to prepare for Wednesday's Llefa Cun first-round, second-leg tie with Borussia Mönchengladbach in Cologne. Arsenal have to overhaul a 3-2 delicit from the first leg.

the new position of FA technical director when Glenn Hoddle, who played for him at AS Monaco, became the England

Before I had contact with Arsenal I had Glenn Hoddle on my phone, early when he took over the English national team," said Wenger, 47."He asked if I would be interested to take the technical direction of the FA. I asked to think about it for a while and we had an agreement for

him to call me back in August. Then I told him I would take over at Arsenal because I lave to work on the field and I had the feeling that I am not at an

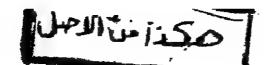
age when I would like to work in administration.

Wenger will fly back to Japan, where he has just gained his release from Nagoya Grampus Eight before officially taking over at Highbury on September 30. He will meet the Arsenal squad for the first

time this morning.

He said he would be speaking to Tony Adams, the club captain, who recently admitted that he was having treatment for alchoholism. "My special message to Adams will be; respect," he said, "I know that what he did needs a lot of courage. When people are brave and honest, you always have to respect them.

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FOOTBALL: CUTTING EDGE LACKING IN STALEMATE BETWEEN TEAMS WITH EUROPE ON THEIR MINDS

United finish with little to show

Manchester United0

By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

HOW one pined for a Berger at half-time at Villa Park on Saturday. This is not a dig at the culinary hospitality of Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, but rather praise for the imported cutting edge of Patrik Berger, the Czech Republic player who put Chelsea to the sword with his left foot at Anfield.

In contrast, the 39,359 speciators packed so expectantly into Aston Villa's stadium knew from very early on that the 14 foreign individuals representing eight national-ities, and two of the most accomplished sides in England. simply could not or would not fashion a goal between them.

Manchester United, unbeaten in

the FA Carling Premiership but having drawn four of their seven games, were not remotely in the form that brought four goals in each of their past two league outings. They created the clearer chances — both Giggs and the

Results and tables Craven images

substitute. Cole, struck the frame of the goal - yet this was a tactical stalemate in the month of September when, as the Villa manager, Brian Little, observed, clubs are having to play seven matches and the international players among them are flying here and there to add to their workload.

Yet it had started with excellence. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, the Norwegian with the face of a choirboy. was preferred in the United attack to Cole, who must now be considered a £7 million reserve. Solskjæer, with a turn of pace and cunning to deceive Ehiogu, whetted the appetite early on. And Southgate, improving month by month as the central player in a three-man Villa defence, demonstrated that players at the back can also use the body and the mind pleasingly; his deft control on the left side, followed instantly by his ability to bring the ball out and convert defence into attack, would have lit up the countenance of the England coach.

Those early executions of high skill were to be as good as it got. Cantona initially showed a willing-

ness to vary United's tacties dropping deep to the right flank and ushering Beckham in-field. But it was not to last: Cantona became anonymous.

It was left to younger and less gifted individuals to try to put vigour into the finish. In the second minute, Jordi Cruyff, who once again looked painfully ungifted compared with his father, did oblige Michael Oakes, the goalkeeping son of a father who also played League football with distinction to what it is not a so that it is not a so that it is not a so that it is not also played League football with distinction to what is that is not a so distinction, to twist in the air and tip over a rising shot. But Cruyff, later to be replaced

by Poborsky, performed with more vigour than craft. The match around him grew fitful, the defences marshalled by Southgate and Pallister became comfortable masters. Beckham showed the frustration and a dangerous side of his temperament when he retaliated to a slight push from Staunton by grabbing the Irishman by the scruff of the neck, to incur one of the four yellow cards by which Stephen Lodge maintained control. In such a match, the referee needed all the help and all the eyes

he could call upon. Thankfully, this was one exception to the season when the referee, and linesmen we are being urged to call referees' assistants, produced their own teamwork splendidly. The booking for Keane, for a body-check on Draper away from the ball, was justified. The ruling out of a shot by Yorke, for a combination of offside and handball, was again the result of a linesman's alertness.

But, with the inertness of the play still inviting spectators to take note of the arbiter's control, it was encouraging in the extreme the way Lodge maintained the flow of the game yet kept his grip. Ten minutes from time, for example, he saw Milosevic — big, willing but profligate with Villa's chances — crudely bring down Beckham. The official quelled Beckham's irate reaction, allowed Manchester United to try to profit from possession for fully two minutes and then quietly, calmly, walked up to Milosevic and issued his yellow

The exchanges between the players — Manchester United in yet another new colour, this time wearing white shirts and black shorts - remained controlled by defences. Pallister made an exceptional interception, a challenge that used the extremes of his long legs when Milosevic dithered in the penalty box. At the other end.



Keane slides in with typical aggression to challenge Curcic at Villa Park. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Southgate time and again read the play ... but when he did not, Cole, having by now replaced Solskjaer, met a splendid cross from Giggs, beat Oakes with his header but was denied by the width of the crossbar. Giggs, one on one with Oakes, had earlier shot straight at the goal-keeper, the ball rising off the body

of Oakes against the post. Villa, in reply, came no closer than an attempt at villainy. Sasa Curcic, such a pleasing, direct

player, attempted to steal a penalty when he dived to the ground Helsingborgs, of Sweden, playing host to Villa, and Rapid Vienna, claiming ridiculously that visiting Old Trafford, are the next Raimond van der Gouw, the Unichallengers to two teams who could ted goalkeeper making his debut in place of Schmeichel, who will be fit not finish their approach work in the Midlands on Saturday. for the European Cup Champions' League on Wednesday after a stomach bug, had fouled him. There was no contact. The skills

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from his forehead into the net. Kanchelskis had an absorbing duel with Berg but his finishing did not match his pace on the two occasions he dodged his marker. He mis-hit when put through by

BVERTICM (4-3-3) N Southell — E Berratt, Short, D Unsworth, A Hinchothie — J Perforson Speed, A Limper (sub., T Grant, 88) — Kanchelskis, D Ferguson, P Rickout.

Cut-price imports threaten disaster for domestic game

The visit of Chelsea's high profile foreign legion of play-ers to Anfield on Saturday seemed to raise more questions than it answered. Before the game. people were saying that Liverpool would lest just how well they had really fitted into English football and it's true that we felt we could than they had experienced up to this point. That was how it turned out, but I do not think it would be fair to judge how they coped because the game just got away from Chelsea, and you cannot blame the foreign players for that.

Overseas players coming into the

English game has become a big issue now that the Bosman ruling has swept away the restrictions limiting their numbers. I think that is why there was so much interest in how Chelsea's imports would do at Antield.

The game was played at a terrific pace, there wasn't much space to operate in and I got the impression Chelsea's new boys found that a bit suffocating. It's rare on the Continent for such a high tempo to be maintained throughout the game and they are still adapting. Of the three, Lebocuf impressed me with his passing skills, but Vialli and Di Matteo never really got into the game - or, more accurately, were never allowed to. They were getting frustrated, Vialli especially so, and vere not seen in their best light.

It is clear, though, that they have done well this season and it can only be good for the English game to have players like Vialli over here. They bring so much with them, in terms of knowledge and technique, that can be copied by English professionals. Youngsters, too, are excited by the arrival of big-name players. They want to be like their heroes and it is no bad thing if they are trying to copy Juninho or

But we are talking here about a handful of stars and what worries me immensely - what worries a lot of people in this game -- is the rush of cheap imports that we have witnessed over the past few months. There is a real danger that such a trend could be killing the English game. It is something that

we must look into quickly.

The English transfer system has spiralled out of control and so managers are looking abroad. where they can buy World Cup players at a fraction of the cost of English players from the Nationwide League first and second

Yet squads are getting full them. At the moment, it feels as if clubs are buying any one journeyman on the strength of a video and it leaves little room for the young, home-grown players to come through. If we don't get the best youngsters appearing in decent numbers, then it can only have a disastrous affect on our game.

When I was a junior at Liverpool, it was an exciting time because all the kids were given a great chance of making the grade — I got into the first team at 18 — but now I'm not so sure it is happening and that can be disheartening. Liverpool and Manchester United went to great





On the negative side of overseas trade

lengths to find the best young English players because of the five foreigners rule in European competition. Bosman has removed that and what do we see? It is no coincidence that United went out and bought five foreign players, while even Liverpool's only summer signing was from abroad.

Nobody can argue with the quality of players like Patrik Berger, but there have been a lot of others who are not up to the grade. They come, take the money and then frequently fail, but it doesn't matter because they just move on and another takes their place. This whole process is stifling the dev-

elopment of the English game. The Italian League has plenty of imports, but they are the best — the top English, Dutch and Germans. You do not see any cut-price signings from overseas ending up in Italy, but it seems to be the norm over here. There will be no easy solution until the English transfer market comes back to realistic levels, but what clubs must not do is ignore their youth structures, just because they can fill their squads with competent, cheap foreign imports. It might save money in the short term, but, in the long term, it is a recipe for disaster.

n a slightly different note, we had a rest last week while other sides played in the Coca-Cola Cup — a relief after the number of games that we have played since the start of the season - and as we prepare to go into Europe this week and other FA Carling Premiership sides face the second legs of their Coca-Cola Cupties, a thought strikes me: instead of having two legs, why not just keep it a simple knockout, like the FA Cup? That way, it would reduce the burden of games and give players a free week

I know the lower-division sides enjoy their games against the top clubs, but we could still ensure that they continue to do so by seeding the draw to guarantee them a home fixture against a bigger club. Everybody would be happy and it would give the smaller clubs a better chance, because surely it would be easier for them to beat opponents from a higher division if there were not a return leg.

Ferguson rightly punished for football's curse It is well known that Elleray and

Blackburn Rovers

By MARK HODKINSON

THE machismo of football is such that Duncan Ferguson will find his reputation enhanced by his deeds at Ewood Park on Saturday. With three minutes of a disjointed match remaining. Ferguson chose to develop Tourette syndrome, and began to issue a stream of

David Elleray, the referee, he said.

booked him for the first utterance, and, when he refused to relent a

minute later, sent him off. Joe Royle, the Everton manager. defended his striker, claiming victimisation. "Is the ref trying to tell us that Duncan was the only player out there who swore today?

I intend to make my feelings known. There is an industrial language in football and I'm very. very unhappy about this. People will be talking about Duncan for the wrong reasons. I don't think he's committed a foul all season,"

swearing are, so to speak, sworn enemies. Last week he sent off Sunderland's Richard Ord for the same offence. Like most referees, Elleray can be dogmatic but, if the Scotsman's language was a notch or two above industrial strength, Elleray's response was just and not without a dash of hernism. Too often players swear and complain. We want to see skills and passion

from the feet, not the tangue. Ferguson's antics at least provided spice to a bland game between teams determined to play themselves patiently back into winning form, or non-losing form. The first gilded chance fell to Ferguson but he fired straight at Flowers. Georgios Donis had no such

Curcic brings from Belgrade are

most welcome, the habits of games-

manship are not. But, into Europe;

problem. The Greek moved swiftly through Everton's defence and deposited the ball defiantly into their net. Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, later referred to it as a "terrific" goal and to Donis as an "icing on the cake" player. Everton responded immediately.

Hinchcliffe's powerful left foot drilled a free kick into the penalty area and Unsworth deflected it

Rideout and failed to avoid Flowers as he ran in on goal with the Blackburn defence trailing. SLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — J Kanne, C Hendry, C Colemen, R Berg — G Dons, T Sherwood, L Bohren, G Filtrori I sub J Wifcox, 45mml — K Gelfecher (autr G Fenton, 79), C

Sparkle fades on **Atkinson regime**

Sunderland1 Coventry City0

BY IVO TENNANT

FOR A man whose reputation is based on a ready josh. bubbly drinks and glistening jewellery. Ron Atkinson is a tetchy man these days. He still looks himself - the suntan is permanent and his jackets are as garish as ever - but this masks an air of unease. He presides over a club that looks ripe for relegation.

Last season Coventry City remained in the FA Carling



Atkinson: entertainer

Premiership on goal difference. They collected the same number of points as Manchester City and, although they are evidently in nothing like the same predicament now, they appear to be a team with few redeeming features. Money thrown at them seems

to be money thrown away. Atkinson deserves better than this, for he, and his teams, have always entertained. Come November. he will have had 22 years in football management. He has little left to prove and the achievement that he would

Premiership, is beyond him at Coventry.

It would make sense to quit. He has said that this ought to be his last season, and that Gordon Strachan, his knowledgeable assistant, should have the chance to succeed him. There is media work to fall back on, a sense of humour to be resurrected. Where is the thrill in managing Coventry when you have known Manchester United and Atlético Madrid?

Coventry were dire on Saturday: Atkinson said so himself. In the first half we were terrible. We did not drive the game hard enough, did not make enough things happen." Whatever the reckoning of Peter Reid, Atkinson's coun-

terpart at Sunderland, who is not overly concerned with speciacle, this was a very poor match. If Coventry were appalling. Sunderland were not a great deal better, even if Agnew's goal was chested down and volleyed in with splendid assurance. Coventry managed little by

way of riposte. Telfer. Dublin and Whelan all had their chances and all put them wide. Sunderland should have scored again in the last minute but Russell, substituting for Quinn, who will have a scan on knee ligament trouble today, ran out of puff when nearing goal.

Ogrizovic, the Coventry goalkeeper, was stranded, almost comically, at the other end of the pitch. Such light relief had been a long time in

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Barber blows the whistle on Derby

Sheffield Wednesday 0 Derby County ..

By PAT GIBSON

IT IS not going to be long now before some enterprising advertising agency realises that. rather than having their clients' names on footballers' shirts, they could get far better value by putting them on those garish new outlits which have destroyed the notion that the best referees are those who go unnoticed. Opticians, for example,

could have their services en-

of some Oasis tour dates was the only frustration in Simon Donnelly's life. Then, the Celtic right flank was the youth wing of the team, where he and Jackie McNamara dashed into attack with the gusto of innocence. By the time summer arrived. Donnelly, 21, had played in all but one of Celtic's 36 Bell's Scot-

> tish League premier division On Saturday, the midfield player was irrepressible again, finding as much enjoyment for himself as he gave to the spectators in a 5-1 win over Dunfermline Athletic, but this was also the first league game he has started this season.

Setbacks are on the curriculum of most young footballers. Controlling their level of confidence is maddeningly difficult too much leads them astray, too little sees them knocked off course when their career suffers its first blow. None of that, however, applies to Donnelly, who completed his training in self-



dorsed by men who can see things that thousands of other

people cannot, pencil-makers

their products promoted by

inveterate scribblers who nev-

er seem to need a sharpener.

on Saturday, a disgruntled crowd went home talking not

of the outstanding players, whose skills they had enjoyed,

but of a man whom they had

never previously heard of and,

what is more, did not want to

They were not alone. David

Pleat and Jim Smith, the

.managers of Sheffield Wed-

nesday and Derby County

hear of again.

Once again at Hillsborough

In the spring of 1994, Donnelly was introduced to the side as a forward, and the crowd doted on him. The manager of the time, Lou Macari, compared him with the young Kenny Dalglish, but that is a compliment of great weight and Donnelly appeared burdened in the months that followed.

Scottish commentary

It also became obvious that, until full maturity comes, his slight frame is too weak for a forward. It was the present Celtic manager, Tommy Burns, who noted the energy and adroit footwork and conhave more impact on the title in May - but while the

respectively, could not avoid the fact that Graham Barber's

performance in booking nine

players — three from Wednes-

day and six from Derby - had

overshadowed anything that their teams could produce.

comment about the referee-

ing." Pleat said, before coming

up with a classic put-down.

Everyone needs time and this

was only his third game in the

Premiership. That brought a

chuckle from Smith, who add-

ed: "And it could be his last.

The refereeing was absolutely

Derby, who have taken ten

"We are not making any

His form did not fail there, but while Donnelly's life was coming along nicely, the club went having off without him. At Celtic over the past year or so, a new stadium has crupted, attendances have soared and finances have boomed. But demands have intensified too. The only thing to have dwindled is patience.

Donnelly is a good player who ought to get better, but nobody can spare the time to let him develop. Celtic must win the championship this season if they are to stop Rangers from equalling their own record of nine successive titles and Burns needs instant

The manager is hardly to be blamed for deciding that Paolo Di Canio, the former AC Milan winger, who scored twice on Saturday, would have more impact than the young Glasgow-born alternative - no talk of long-term planning will provide any defence for him should Rang-

Iull in Donnelly's life may be unavoidable, it is also regrettable. The advance of his education is being slowed by the lack of appearances.

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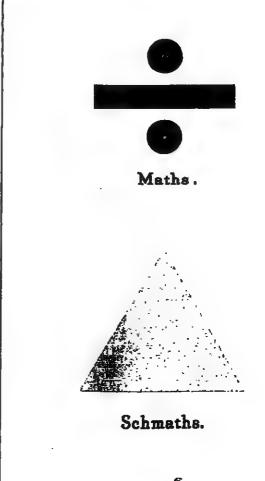
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In some small ways, Celtic also suffer from deprivation when Donnelly does not play. The team, if fitness and consistency are maintained, might just break the 100-goal barrier this season, but this collection of individualists is hampered by a lack of cohesion that may prove costly in the most important matches.

The rapport that Donnelly and McNamara instantly reestablished on Saturday only illuminated the lack of structure elsewhere in the side. While these youngsters did spend a season together, the main reason that they combine so well is that they come from the same age group, the same culture and the same country. A polyglot premier division has its delights, but the pleasure ought also to include the sight of local boys beginning to explore their





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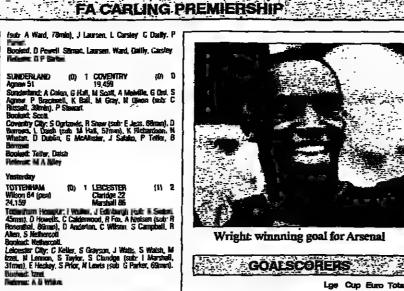
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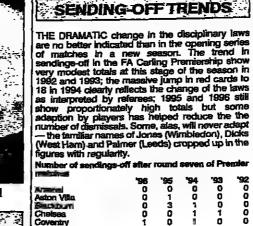
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GOALSCORERS As Vinnie Jones serves another suspension, following his dismissal against Totenham Hotspur at the beginning of the month. Oyvind Leonhardsen can make his return to the Wimbledon first team after making his peace with their manager, Joe Kinnear, for their match

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against Southampton tonight.



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Paul Ince, left, congratulates Jocelyn Angloma whose 39-minute goal earned Internationale a draw against Lazio in the Italian League Photograph: Luca Bruno

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FOOTBALL

Sheron bounces back to strike the decisive blow

Huddersfield Town 2

By RICHARD HORSON

ON THE evidence of the first 45 minutes of play at the Victoria Ground yesterday, Mike Sheron was an unlikely hero. Huddersfield Town were ahead and cruising and the Stoke City striker could barely find a colleague with a pass from six yards.

He was not having a good day, yet it was he who had the last laugh, scoring twice in the last 20 minutes, including Stoke's winner six minutes from time. lifting his team into fourth place in the Nationwide League first division. They meet the leaders, Bolton Wanderers, at Burnden Park next

Sheron now has eight goals to his credit this season, but Stoke's success also owed a good deal to the quality of crossing from Gerry McMahon, their £250,000 signing from Tottenham Hotspur, and the industry of Graham Kavanagh, on loan from

Middlesbrough. "It was a real Roy of the Rovers comeback." the Stoke manager, Lou Macari, said. The pleasing thing is that, where a lot of sides would have folded, we showed a lot of

up this great result." The home side went behind after just seven minutes with a goal that bore a striking resemblance to Andy Myers's header into his own net at Liverpool on Saturday, a moment Chelsea would have preferred not to have been granted star billing on Match of the Day. This time, it was Nigel Worthington who suf-

The Football Association will study police reports before deciding on what action to take against Gary Poole, the Birmingham City defender, who was sent off for pushing the referee after he awarded a penalty in the 1-0 defeat at Manchester City. The FA will also look into crowd trouble involving Birmingham fans.

fered the ignominy of seeing his cushioned header go beyond his own goalkeeper after Marcus Stewart had crossed

Stoke did fight back and Kavanagh had a strong effort parried away and a header cleared off the line by Makel, while Sheron volleyed over the bar from close range, but it was Stewart, with an instinctive shot that sneaked in off the far post, who scored next to

clear after 35 minutes.

Crucially, Stoke began their when Gayle slid in bravely to meet a low centre from Wallace. Sheron was a different proposition thereafter and it became apparent that Hudwere missing the strength of Sinnott, who had been carried off on a stretcher with a head wound after a collision with his colleague, Jenkins, after ten minutes.

Yet Stoke, with six of their first-team squad injured, had plenty of chances to recuver the deficit before Sheron's header from a McMahon cross looped over Francis in the Hudderslield goal after 77 minutes. He followed that by shooting into the roof of an empty net when an effort from Wallace committed Francis and rebounded off the post.

"It is a very disappointing way to lose," the Huddersfield manager, Brian Horton, said, his clipped sentences and rollhis clipped sentences and rolling eyes suggesting that he had spoken a little more bluntly in the dressing room.

STOKE CITY (4-4-2): C Muggeton — A Pickering, L Sourdsson, J Dreyer, N Worthington — G McMahon, G Kavenagh, I Walace, M Devin (sub K Keen, 74min) — M Sheron, J Gaylo, HUDDERS-FELD TOWN (4-3-1-2): 3 Francis — S Jenkins, K Grey, L Simoti (sub S Colons, 10), T Cowan — W Burnett, D Bullock, L Males (sub R Edwards, 83) — M Steward — A Payson, I Lewson (sub: P Red, and

Feel-good factor fuels Fulham's revival

Keith Pike discovers

that defeat cannot dampen the optimism

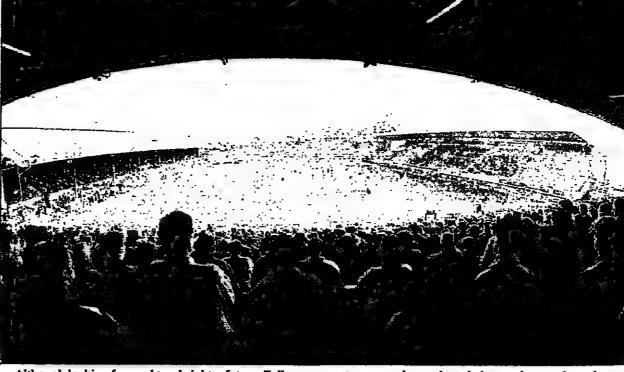
at Craven Cottage

Typical. Just when you thought it was safe to start talking about a Fulham revival, they come up with a performance like this. A glorious late summer afternoon by the Thames, and it transpires that all that sweetness and light was just another false dawn.

If it takes something special to make Mansfield Town look like world-beaters, Fulham were spectactularly good in losing 2-1 on Saturday. Outpassed, out-fought, out-manoeuvered, they were trounced, never mind the narrow mar-gin of defeat by a team they were expected to brush aside.

All in all, it was just like old times. And that, of course, is part of their charm. Dear old Fulham — is there a football fan who does not have a soft spot for the club where Bobby Moore finished his playing days, where Best and Marsh were paired, where the players still change in a cottage? Eccentrics, quaint ... a team to be taken apart on occasions, but never to be taken

It is an image that Micky Adams, at 35 one of the youngest managers in the game with one of the more demanding tasks, would love to dispel, and he has not made a bad start. "We are still top of the league," was the Adams mantra at the end of a hugely disappointing day in which he conceded that Fulham deserved nothing. "Look at



Although looking forward to a brighter future, Fulham supporters can only watch as their team lose on Saturday

Still top, and rightly so." Given the severity of Ful-ham's decline, being top of the Nationwide League third divi-

sion has much to commend it. Can Adams succeed where so many have failed? The fact that the club has now won the right to redevelop Craven Cottage means, he believes, that he has a fighting chance.
There is a feel good factor about being a Fulham fan again," Adams said. "They have got the go-ahead for the ground and a team prepared to have a go. It was also a big plus for the players. But the ians are not daft. They want a

were 5,700 here today. They would not keep coming back if we were playing rubbish." It was a view confirmed by

Chris Wheeler - season ticket-holder, life-long supporter and false-dawn phobic — as Fulham fell from grace after their best start to the season for a quarter of a century. "Getting planning permission for the ground means there has not been such optimism here since 1975 | Fulham's Cup Final year," he said. "Not even a performance like that

It is strange to think that only seven months ago, the

vileis her

presentation got that

Victories were scarce, crowds sparse and the terrace knives were out for lan Branfoot, whose move "upstairs" to become general manager gave Adams his opportunity. "We have made progress," Adams said. "I have got long-

term plans for the club and myself. We'll see whether the club's ambition matches mine. Fulham is a big club. No disrespect to the likes of Mansfield, Rochdale and Scarborough, but they come here to the capital, with a big crowd and a magnificent stadium compared with what they've got, and they raise

The neater, hungrier side. Mansfield registered their first win with goals in the 39th minute from Hadley, after a corner, and the 89th, from Harper, after another defensive blunder. Morgan's reply, ten seconds from time, was an afterthought to a day that perhaps revealed a team's

strength. FILIHAM (34-1-2). M Waiton — D Cullip (sub R McAree, 57mm), M Blake, T Angus — P Watson, G Cockenii (sub R Scott, 21), S Morgan, R Hemrer — N Cusack — M Corroy, D Freeman (sub P Brooker, 57) MANSFIELD TOWN (5-3-2) I Bowling — P Sheriock, S Eustace, J Deolan, S Warter, W Hackett — B Sedgemoor, J Waker, D Kerr (sub S Harper, 59) — S Hadley, M Sale

Huckerby makes the difference for Millwall

Crewe Alexandra,

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

BAD news on Saturday for those scouts who tend to cluster round Crewe Alexandra looking for potential stars at bargain prices: the player who made all the difference in this game, scoring one of Millwall's goals and making the other, already belongs to an FA Carling Premiership

Darren Huckerby, on loan from Newcastle United, is a player who sees the white of the goalposts and sets off towards them by the most direct route possible, no matter how many defenders may bar the way. Everything else on the field looked irresolute by comparison.

Crewe's kit, for instance. All red with one white sleeve, it did not know if it was Arsenal or Liverpool. The team, with its preponderance of neat, short-passing midfield players, favoured the latter option. but, as Anfield's finest were accused of doing on occasions last season, they often played one pass too many. When something more direct was called for, they proved not to be too good at it.

There were other similarities. For Stan Collymore, read Dele Adebola, frustrating and not always punching his weight, but capable of good things. His 43rd-minute turn and pass to give the full back. Smith. a chance (which was wasted) began a period of Crewe ascendancy that ended on the hour when, with a perverse inevitability. Millwall took the lead.

Even then, it nearly went wrong. With Taylor, the Crewe goalkeeper, well off his line. Neill gained possession but crossed beyond the empty goal. However, Jason Dair, who had been the target for a frustrated crowd, rescued the situation, heading the ball back for Huckerby to volley

Inspired, Huckerby took on three defenders before shooting narrowly wide in a reprise of an earlier run. "The others are tentative playing at home," Jimmy Nicholl, the Millwall manager, said, "but he doesn't feel the pressure. He has a go and doesn't worry about what the crowd think."

As Crewe pressed forward. they left gaps, into one of which Huckerby - inevitably launched another forward run. He allowed a defender to catch him, regained a yard of space and crashed the ball against the angle of post and crossbar, Dair scoring easily from the rebound.

MILLWALL (4-4-2) T Carter — M Dovie, D Webber, A Writer, A Rogan (sub M Harle: 79mm) — R Bowny L Neill R Newman, J Dar — S Crawlord (sub C Malkin B3) D Huckerby.

CREWE ALEXANDRA (4-4-2) M Taylor — L Unsworth A Westwood, S MacCauley S Smith — W Barr Isab C Little, 77; D Months R Swade (sub S Johnson 84) G

Rioch content with low-profile start

Queens Park Rangers .. 1 Swindon Town1

By RUBBELL KEMPSON

FOOTBALL knows no bounds for the incomprehensible, the ridiculous, the downright bizarre. Events at Queens Park Rangers last week started off straightforward enough, with Stewart Houston installed as successor to Ray Wilkins. On Friday, the twist in the tail was revealed, with Bruce Rioch announced as the assistant manager.

Thus, any self-respecting fly on the wall would have paid a handsome price to have earwigged the pre-match teamtalk at Loftus Road on Saturday, before QPR's Nationwide League first division match against Swindon Town. when Houston, former No 2 at Arsenal and now No I at QPR, and Rioch, former No I at Arsenal and now No 2 at QPR. attempted to define their bewildering role reversal.

How did Rioch, so long the lead man and only once an assistant, for a two-month spell at Middlesbrough ten years ago, react to having to take a back seat? How did Houston, so long the nearly man and twice a caretaker at Arsenal, cope with his elevation? Was it not, just a shade, awkward?

Apparently, not. "Bruce and shared most things at Arsenal, it was that sort of partnership," Houston said. "I really don't think it will be that

Rioch's participation was, understandably, limited. He had not seen a training session and, presumably, barely recognised some of the QPR youngsters who had to play

because of a glut of injuries at Loftus Road. It was a low-key introduction. At least Houston had the benefit of having witnessed the 2-1 win against Ground last Wednesday, in a Coca-Cola Cup second-round,

first-leg tie. It was his first metch in charge, his first as a fullyfledged manager, and it reached a satisfactory conclusion. Saturday, almost dictably, proved

invigorating. QPR, eager to impress yet short on ideas, did their best in an honorable draw. Cowe splendidly drove Swindon ahead in the 25th minute, in the second of the three leagueand-cup meetings between the sides in eight days, and Mur-ray equalised smartly two minutes later. Plenty of huff and puff, a petty 17-man skirmish near the end and contentment in most quarters.

Rioch, diplomatically, chose a low profile. Virtually unseen, certainly unheard. It was Houston, as befits a No I, who faced the inquisitors. There was a lot of expectation and. with so many youngsters in, it was a bit of an effort for them." he admitted.

"I can understand why people have been flabbergasted at Bruce coming here, but he's a great asset. It was my choice to bring him in, absolutely, and I don't really find it that odd. I feel quite comfortable with it and Bruce does as well."

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (3-5-2) J
Sommer — C Pummer (sub. M Graham.
72mm), A McDonald, A Brevett — M
Jackson. P Murray, S Barter, M Brazier, A
Impey — T Sincleir, D Dichio
SWINDON TOWN (5-3-2) F Talia — F
Darras (sub P Allen, 57), I Culverhouse, M
Seagraves, G Etions, K Horicok — W
O'Suffixan, S Latich, M Watters — W Allison,
S Cowe
Referee; P Riger

Pretenders underline maturing potential

Hednesford Town2

Slough Town

By Walter Gammie

A MATCH full of spirited, attacking football at Wexham Park on Saturday served no-tice that the Vauxhall Conference title race should prove rather less processional than

in recent seasons. Slough showed their resilience to come from a goal down twice against the impressive Hednesford side and Suggest their early challenge will not dissolve this season.

Brian McDermott, the Slough manager, said: "When we play to our potential, which we haven't been for the past three or four weeks, we will start winning

matches again." Mark West and Gary Abbott illustrated their menace up front with Slough's second equaliser, in the fist minute. Abbott collected an awkward houncing ball, swerved off on run and teed up Bolt for a

earlier equaliser just before half-time by Stapleton was pure opportunism: killing a sliced clearance, he smashed a 25-yard shot past a startled Cooksey. Stapleton's strike fired

Slough back into a match over which Hednesford had gained an increasing stranglehold, with Joe O'Comor the game's outstanding force. Slough discovered his po-

tency when he raced away to put Hednesford in front in the lôth minute. John Baldwin, the Hednesford manager, said: "Joe's played in eight games for us this season and he's scored in seven of them. He's been at the club a long time but he just keeps getting better and better."

Street scored Hednesford's second goal in the 50th minute after Miles had dropped the ball.

SI DUGHT TOWN (3-5-2) B Miles — R Smith. G McClowhite, S Bateman — G Sman, G Blackbord A Clement I sub B Watter, 83 mm), S Siapleton, D Bott — G Abbott, M West. HEDNESFORD TOWN [3-5-2]* S Cooksey
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Carty, G Frizpelinck, C Lambon, B McNally,

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The National Westminster Bank fits the bill for Brown.

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Indeed, Brown and Johnson agreed that if Britain are

to challenge for the medals in

future tournaments, hockey

will have to become even

more professional in its out-

look. Not for the first time, the

Australian Institute of Sport is

held up as the model example. The players see it as no coincidence that the Austra-

lians were so much better

than everyone else, deservedly

While Johnson recharges

her batteries and ponders her

future, it is almost certain that

The pain and

isolation is

just as great

for the amateur'

Brown will not play interna-

tional hockey again. At 33,

and with 259 caps, she insisted

that her body has had enough.

giving up club hockey for Slough. The enthusiasm re-

turned to her voice when she

discussed their chances of

winning the National League

this season with four full

internationals having joined

their ranks. The opening

game against Leicester yester-

day would normally have included Johnson. Slough

were understandably happy

not to have to face her, though

For Johnson and Brown, it

She will not, though, be

claiming the gold medal.

deep pockets.

Short-sighted LTA overlooks Lloyd as chief executive

By DAVID MILLER

THE British have a debilitating, perverse activity, in sport, for scorning unusually talented coaches and administra-tors. Heaven knows, we need them enough, yet our governbackwoodsmen elected anonymously from the counties, come out in a nervous rash at the thought of anybody with conspicuous qualities who might expose their own limitations and falsely-assumed

Geoff Dyson, in athletics, and George Raynor, in foot-ball, were driven abroad in the Fifties and Sixties. The Football Association schemed to reject Walter Winterbottom, the world-renowned coach, as general secretary and elected instead Denis Follows, a former rugby-school master, who in turn prevented Sir Stanley Rous, even more renowned. from becoming FA chairman. Bobby Moore, sadly, was never considered for any job.

The athletics establishment so resented Frank Dick and David Shaw, outstanding coach and administrator respectively, that each eventually fled clsewhere. And will rowing exploit to the full the fame enjoyed by

Redgrave? I doubt it. The all-comers' record for myopia, however, has been held unchallenged for 50 years by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), the equivalent of a chicken farm that never managed to lay an egg. In the next few weeks, it will be revealed

that the LTA, guided by headhunting advisers, has contrived to resist appointing as its new chief executive the most exceptional candidate

any sport has ever had. David Lloyd, the former Davis Cup player and subsequently coach and business entrepreneur with a record remarkable by any standard. is captain of the British team that has just climbed another rung on the Davis Cup ladder. It takes more than the

young Tim Henman to make tennis nationally important, never mind that the LTA has a budget of £40 million per annum. Lloyd could have been the man to revolutionise a moribund game, yet although the LTA summaned the nerve to appoint their sternest critic as captain - a 30-days-a-year job, maximum — the prospect of making him chief of staff



Britain face winter of doubles dealing

By Alix Ramsay

AS PARTIES go, the farewell to No I Court at Wimbledon lacked a little fizz yesterday. Great Britain's Davis Cup tie against Egypt had been decided on Saturday, when Mark Petchey and Neil Broad won the doubles - just - to give 3-0 lead. Promotion to group one of the Euro-African zone had been assured and, for the 6,000 or so spectators, there was only the nostalgia of the moment to savour.

When the time came to draw the arena's illustrious history to a close, it all seemed like an anti-climax. Amr Ghoneim hit the last ball - a double fault - as he lost 6-4, 6-2 to Greg Rusedski. so ending Egypt's weekend with a 5-0 defeat. The net was handed over to the All England Club to be placed in the Wimbledon museum and the spectators filtered away slowly, taking one last look at the amous court.

Even the court attendants hung around looking a little lost. Taking their time to pull the tarpaulin over the turf for the last time, they finally did the deed to a ripple of

Tim Henman had done his bit to keep the excitement going playing the first match of the day at liam. Looking like a man who had celebrated not wisely but well the night before, he took his time to dispose of Tamer el Sawy, the Egypt No 1. 6-7. 6-2. 6-2. It was a match of two haives as. this being Wimbledon, it was played around a rain delay. He looked lethargic at first, but came back considerably

So far David Lloyd's threeyear plan to get Britain back into the world group appears to be on course. However. even he, ever the enthusiast, knows that life among the bigger boys will not be so easy. Whether Austria is among their number remains to be seen. They lost their world group qualifying tie to was defaulted. He stormed off court during the fifth set of the doubles, claiming the crowd one in the stands had been

using a mirror to dazzle him. "For 3½ hours we were sworn at and spat at," Muster said. "If this is the Davis Cup, I don't want anything more to do with it."

The match referee, Antonio Flores Marques, from Portugal, did not agree. Muster was defaulted and, although the Austria team could have used a replacement for the remaining singles yesterday, they simply refused to play. handing the tle to Brazil 4-1. Depending on the outcome of a meeting of the Davis Cup Committee on October 7, Austria could be punished with further demotion to group

With or without Austria in their group next year, Britain are likely to be seeded, which could leave them just two matches away from the world group. In order to get past the higher-ranked opposition. Lloyd needs to find a reliable doubles team. On Saturday, Petchey looked to be ill at ease throughout, leaving Broad to do most of the work until the

Lloyd claims the possibilities are endless - Petchey and Broad, Henman and Broad, Rusedski and Broad, or the untried pairing of Henman and Rusedski. When suggested, the latter did not seem to fill Henman with glee and would also leave Lloyd with a two-man team with which to take on the world. If Britain are seeded and receive a bye in the first round, Lloyd at least has until April to solve

was, presumably, too

frightening. Frighten everyone Lloyd would, for sure. His biography reveals every aspect of a driven man: A player of moderate ability, compared with his brother, John, but almost demonic self-motivation, he responded to the financial and imaginative bankruptcy of a game locked in outdated middle-class contentment, by creating a chain of modern leisure centres so socially innovative and successful that in the past year Lloyd sold out to

Whitbread for £180 million. Along the way, having for years been exasperated by the uncompetitive provincialism of British coaching, Lloyd joined forces with the financier, Jim Slater, to create a iuniors' scheme that found and helped to develop Henman. That, too, was more than the LTA could stomach.

To have now made Lloyd successor to lan Peacock as chief executive would be to overthrow instantly the entire national coaching structure, together with the soporific administrative policies of the traditional clubs; the laissez-faire which has denied Britain grand-slam or Davis Cup title since Fred Perry's days.

Lloyd has much of that channelled inner fire which drove Perry. A suspect backhand meant that he could never be a champion on court, though he is famously remembered for a superhuman Davis Cup doubles performance against Italy in the Seventies that turned a crisis, two matches down and two sets and a match point down in the doubles, into an exhilarating victory. "Today," wrote Rex Bellamy, of The Times, on the morning of the reverse singles, "Italy will remember yester-

day." They did.
It would be unfair to say that the LTA under Peacock made no ground. There are 800 indoor courts compared with 150 when he was appointed ten years ago, and training centres in 25 cities. The LTA spends £6 million per annum on training and coaching, £6 million on grass roots and £8 million on facilities. A lot, perhaps, for little reward. though in successive years, Britain's juniors have distin-

championships. Leading foreign coaches have been hired, such as Ian Barclay, Peter Fleming and Olga Morozova.

guished themselves in the

under-14

Yet Lloyd would still intend radically to overhaul the coaching structure: decentralising and demanding the same hours and dedication as in the creation of his leisure empire, dismissing the idle and advising the lesser players, sympathetically but objectively, not to waste their time.

The LTA under Lloyd would have experienced the brutal management and reorganisation it still requires. It had not the courage to take the risk. Not to the game, but its own sinecures. It is wholly wrong that the perceived "future" of British termis is being irrelevantly loaded on to the slim shoulders of one promising young player, in-stead of on the imaginative energy of a driven man with a

dream already fulfilled once in the private sector. When you want something done, look for a doer, the way Churchill appointed Beaverbrook, an aggressive Canadian newspaper tycoon, to get built the fighter planes needed to win the Battle of Britain.

*David Lloyd: How to Suc-

ceed in Business While Really Trying, by Richard Evans (Bloomsbury, £17.99).

Edberg ready for final fling

STEFAN EDBERG will have the opportunity to bring his distinguished career to an emotional end in the Davis Cup final on November 29.

Edberg will be attempting to claim his fourth Davis Cup winner's medal after Sweden secured a decisive 3-1 advantage in their world group semi-final against the Czech Republic in Prague.

The victory was assured by Thomas Enqvist, who fought back from 2-1 down to beat Daniel Vacek in an epic 312hour match yesterday. The Czech Republic had kept their hopes alive by winning the doubles on Saturday.

"I was very upset after the break in the fifth set. It was an emotional match, one of the toughest I have ever played,"

Austria defaulted their match against Brazil in São Paulo yesterday after comthreats from the crowd.

Thomas Muster, the world No 3. accused the Brazilian spectators of acting "like ani-mals" after walking off court during his doubles match on Saturday. He claimed spectators threw things, spat at players and Austrian officials heard death threats.

The International Tennis Federation will investigate his claims, but a spokesman said: "In the opinion of the referee. Antonio Flores Marques. Muster's complaints were not justifiable."

Muster said: "It was absolutely impossible for me to go out on court again. I want

police protection and will nev-

er again play here. This country should be punished. If this is Davis Cup. I don't want anything more to do with it. The people here are like animals. Paulo Cleto, the Brazil captain, said: This is certainly the most stupid excuse I have ever heard. No-body is shot because of

tennis. Great Britain completed an impressive 8-3 victory over the United States in the Maureen Connolly Trophy in Austin. Texas yesterday. Megan Miller, the British No I. overcame Stephie Mabry 6-4, 3-6,

Mandy Wainwright and Jo Ward then completed Britain's fourth successive success in the 24-year-old tournament. with a 6-l, 6-l victory over Mabry and Tara Snyder.

Johnson still paying the penalty

Sarah Potter on the hockey player who is

struggling to accept a miss that cost Britain an Olympic medal

Think of a penalty miss and you think of Gar-eth Southgate. Tearful and dejected, it was as if, in that one moment, the weight of the nation's sorrow and scorn sat squarely and unfairly on his boyishly brave shoulders. Think harder, though, and you might renember another name. Kath Johnson.

It was her penalty-stroke failure in Ailanta that ensured the Olympic bronze medal for women's hockey went to Holland and not, as had hap-pened in Seoul four years earlier, to Great Britain.

The irony of such comparison is not lost on Johnson. who, at 29, has 180 caps to her name and, like Southgate, had an outstanding tournament. "Our squad was in Spain as part of our build-up to the Olympics when Euro 96 was taking place. We watched the football shoot-out on television. Everything went quiet. We all felt so disappointed

When the glittering prize is so close and so precious, it is no surprise to find that the pain and isolation felt by the professional is just as real for the amateur. "I was devastated," Johnson said of her own miss. "I was waking up for weeks afterwards and it doesn't matter what per say. I will never forget that

sinking disappointment." She has, at least, an ally in her team-mate, Karen Brown. Such is Brown's skill and dits would have bet their sticks on the Slough player converting her stroke. When she failed to do so, Britain were still level with Holland but it sent a ripple of shock through her team mates.

"Forget the crowd, the cameras and everything else," Brown said, "the overriding feeling was that I had let my team-mates and managemen down." Brown said she still finds it difficult to talk about but feels she shares a special bond with Johnson. "We actually made a sort of pact in Atlanta to 'phone each other. Everyone deals with it in know what it felt like."

by taking a break from the game. The Leicester defender, who lives in King's Lynn, has played international hockey for nine years and is now

League on Saturday

began to flow."

said: "We were nervous at first and just

managed to cross over with a 1-0 lead.

However, in the second half our game

minutes Beeston went ahead when

Longden converted a penalty stroke. He increased the lead in the 59th

minute and further goals followed in

the closing stages from Hammond and

The day's top marksman was Dean

Enon, who scored all Gloucester City's goals in their 50 home win over

Trojans. After putting his side 2-0

least £100 million of National

Lottery money, and have warned that they will make little use of it for training and

The Government, however,

is defying their wishes and has asked applicants wanting

detailed proposals by October 31. So far there have been 226

although no bids have been

After the Sports Council had

consulted the national govern-ing bodies, it submitted a

prospectus for the national

academy. However, the Nat-

ional Heritage department changed the criteria before

publishing the final prospec-tus. Although British sport

certainly wants an academy,

most organisations do not

want it to be a new building on

After being held in check for 23



Johnson is enjoying more time with her son, Daniel, as she takes a break from the game

enjoying time with her family.
"The build-up to the Olympics plained in her Norfolk accent. am back at work full-time and am loving my weekends at home. I am just not geared

Work for Johnson is as a

Suspension of offside rule

sparks goalscoring spree

tic home life revolves around husband Peter and 18-monthold son. Daniel. Having such a young child makes it all the more remarkable that she regained her fitness in time to take her place in Atlanta, something that she concedes she could not have done

Foundation for Sport and the Arts, that enabled all the players to train full-time for the six months leading up to the Games The boundary lines be-

tween professional and toplevel amateur sport are now

Brown would have liked to often so indistinguishable as have met up again. would be another step to erasing the bitter memory of that dramatic failure. Southgate gets on with his career, where matches come thick and fast, perhaps British hockey women should give more than a passing thought to another footballer; Stuart Pearce was also blighted by the haunting guilt of a penalty miss in 1990. England felt the uplifting surge of sheer patri-ode glory when he laid that

ghost to rest this year. Johnson and Brown might not have the opportunity of such a stage again, but one thing is certain, they both have the skills and the courage to demand wholehearted

The Great Britain players cannot hide their despair after Johnson's miss in Atlanta

Hightown take advantage of Clifton's absenteeism

THE universal suspension of the ahead in the first half he added three offside rule encouraged some high more goals as the Trojan defence fell goalscoring performances by first diviapart, two of his goals coming from penalty strokes. Midway in the second sion clubs in the men's National half Gloucester lost Tredgett, who was Beeston opened their campaign with a 40 victory at bome over Hull but sent to hospital for treatment to a cut Ann Bevan and Rachel O'Bryan, their were made to work hard for their victory. Stephen Muffin, who shares the duties of coach with Pete Taylor,

Jeremy Boyse hit the target four times for Lewes in their 8-2 victory at Bromley. In the early stages the scores were level at 1-1. Swan equalising for Bromley after Faithful gave Lewes the lead. But between the 16th and 38th minutes Boyse added four goals for Lewes, the first from a penalty stroke, two from short corners and one from

Sam Crutchley's goal in the last minute enabled Firebrands to snatch a 4-3 victory at home to Stourport. Only a minute earlier. White had levelled the score at 3-3 for Stourport, who were behind all the way.

HIGHTOWN began the defence of their women's hockey national league title yesterday with a fortunate 2-1 win over Clifton. Their cause was helped from the start as Clifton were severely depleted, missing Michelle Robertson,

three Wales internationals. The umpire also appeared to help the Hightown challenge when, after 20 minutes, she awarded a penalty stroke which Linda Carr converted. Yana Williams relished the chance to get one over on her old club ten minutes into the second half when Claire Burr, the Clifton goalkeeper, cleared the ball straight to Williams's stick and she thundered it back into the net. Denise Marston-Smith salvaged some pride for Clifton midway through the second

half, converting a penalty corner.

Slough, who under the guidance of their new coach, John Shaw, are aiming for their fifth national league title, made an impressive start to the

season with a 3-0 win over Leicester. Having signed several new players to boost their under-strength squad, they were forced to do without Lucy Cope, Sarah Kelleher and Anna Bennett. One new recruit, Jane Smith, made an immediate impact, scoring two goals in two minutes. Mandy Nicholls scored the third in a match where Slough had numerous chances.

Ipswich thought that they were heading for three points against Sutton Coldfield after Sarah Bamfield and Debbie Rawlinson had given them the lead but Lisa Lee had other ideas. She scored the equaliser after 63 minutes having scored Sutton's first goal ten minutes after the break.

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Trojans found the going tough in their first premier division match losing 2-1 to Doncaster but Alton, newly promoted to the first division. celebrated their arrival in the upper echelons with a 7-1 thrashing of

Sport gives red card to national academy

John Goodbody on the Government's blueprint for a centre British Academy of Sport, announced by the Prime Minof excellence that falls foul of Britain's leading sports bodies ister last year, is in turmoil. governing bodies are opposed to the lavish plans for the academy, which will cost at establish a national structure

a "green-field site", as the Prime Minister has repeatedly aumounced. They view this idea as a waste of money. Nor do they want the acade-

my to include extensive training facilities, such as a 50metre swimming pool and an eight-lane athletics track, residential accommodation, with competitors, some on scholarships, staying for long periods at the centre. These ideas are all included in the

prospectus. Instead, the majority of governing bodies would prefer the academy to be the hub of a network of centres that concentrates on support services. such as sports medicine and sports science. They want the preparation of elite performance to take place in their own national academies of excellence, specific to their own sports, and also centres regional

Here are the views of some leading governing bodies, as recorded in the prospectus:

Athletics: "... does not believe all the specialist-facility needs of the multi-disciplin-ary sport of athletics can be met at the academy ... the academy will not provide a dedicated training base for British athletics."

Badminton: "There is no requirement for badminton to have a national training base at the academy." Canocing: "It is not envis-

aged canoeing re-locating its national training facilities to such a site. The existing national training base for canoeing is at Holme Pierrepont."

own 'customised' training facility to promote technical development at the highest level of cricket ... ideally this facility should be established independent of other sports."

.. wishes to

for developing excellence in English football. The FA would like to see this based on either a national football academy being developed around the existing FA National School at Lilleshall, or as a national football academy becoming an integral part of the British Academy of Sport."

Gymnastics: "it is not essen-

tial for the academy site to incorporate specific training facilities for gymnastics."
Rugby union: "... is strongly opposed to the creation of more national training facilities over and above those

already provided throughout Sailing ... believes the academy should be a small.

cost effective, co-ordinating venue providing a lead and support to a network of sports specific facilities throughout the UK."

Swimming: "Plans are well

the development of a national swimming academy, based at Loughborough University."
Tennis: ... does not believe that specific training facilities must be provided at the academy."

Iain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, is in favour of an academy, based on the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra, which was set up after the 1976 Olympic Games. However, he appears to have ignored the fact that, in many activities such as athletics and tennis, the standard in Australia has declined since the AIS came into operation.

The Government has also exceeded its powers by an-nouncing that "a substantial sum of National Lottery money could be available 10 help fund bidders for the Academy". Only the Sports Council can decide where lottery money for sports

projects can go.
I suspect the Government Only wants an academy so that it can include the proposal in

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He came, he scored, he conquered — and left

A year is a long time in the Premiership. Alex Pynn, co-author of a new book, opens a series by revealing how Tottenham Hotspur won and lost Jürgen Klinsmann, the German who was the darling of English football for one memorable season

a compound Ossie Ardiles's first catastrophic season in charge, the sum-mer of 1994 saw the swingeing penalties on Tottenham for supposed financial irregularities over a period of years prior to chairman Alan Sugar's arrival. It had been Sugar, himself, who had exposed the bulk of these irregularities - which mainly took the form of undeclared "loans" to players. Sugar co-operated in the Premier League and FA investigations, in the belief that such cooperation would result in lenient treatment. This proved to be wishful thinking.

The FA clobbered Tottenham to a degree without precedent among the so-called big clubs: a fine of £600,000; a docking of 12 points for the next season, and a ban from the 1994-95 FA Cup

competition. Sugar took the matter as a personal slight, and his legal team set about getting the penalties overturned. Success was partial, with a halving of the points deficit from 12 to six, which at least lifted the threat of almost certain relegation for the year ahead. But the fine was increased to £1.5 million, and the FA Cup ban stood.

While two sets of lawyers locked horns before eventually agreeing to abide by the findings of an

independent tribunal, Sugar snapped into action. No way was he going to allow the FA to scupper his season as punishment crimes committed by others. They could take away his points, but they could not take away his money - well only a fraction of

it. Ossie was given a budget for new players and promptly scooped two of the genuine superstars of world football. First in, for £2.5 million, came Ilie Dumitrescu, a hero of Romania's World Cup campaign and, in particular, their victory over Argentina. Next, word reached Sugar that Jürgen Klinsmann — a striker so famous that even Sugar had heard of him was out of contract and up for

grabs. Another two million quid. Sugar knew that signing the German World Cup star, to with Dumitrescu, would be a massive boost to the club and also to his own personal standing with the fans and within the game. If it also told the FA where they could stick their fine, points deduction and FA Cup ban, then so much the

Although foreign imports were now an accepted part of the English league's make-up, Klinsmann would represent, without doubt, the biggest coup yet. For possibly the first time ever. England's top division was able to compete with the Continental giants for the superstars of world football. Not only was the money available in never-before-seen amounts (through sponsorship, TV und merchandising), but also the Premiership had gained inter-national credibility, helped in no small measure by the increasing number of countries who were taking live television feeds of the

weekly action. The experience might even prove to be instructive for the glamorous imports, as a competifive edge would have to be added to even a virtuoso's repertoire as a prerequisite to Premiership survival. Wages for short-term contracts could be spectacular. Hefty signing-on fees could provide a tolerable cushion against a lifestyle that might compare unfavourably with those in more hedonistic Barcelo-

Prospective signings could be assured of favourable media attention and lucrative commercial opportunities. A year or two in London (or Manchester) was not that bad a prospect and any onfield success would be on a stage closely monitored throughout the football world.

Klinsmann had, in fact, been wooed by Bayern Munich during and after the 1994 World Cup. However, his opinion of his own worth proved an insurmountable barrier to the fallen German giants. "He had," according to Franz Beckenbauer, the Bayern president, "salary demands that e could not meet.

Most clubs in Europe would have gladly signed Klinsmann, but very few were prepared to mpromise their prevailing wage structure by accepting terms that so demonstrably favoured the player. Besides, to return to Bayern for the 1991-95 season would once again mean working under Italian coach, Giovanni Trapattoni, with whom Klinsmann had already fallen out during their spell together at Inter Milan.

The contract that formed the agreement between Jürgen insmann and Spurs was a tament to the relative positions both parties. Spurs wanted Klinsmann badly. Klinsmann could afford to dictate outrageous

take-it-or-leave-it terms knowing that, sooner or later, he would get exactly what he was asking from SOMEONIE.

For a start, he proposed no more than a two-year contract. This was born from his bitter experience at Monaco, where he clashed with the tactical apthe coach, Arsène

Wenger, to the extent that the German striker felt he had wasted a valuable final year there. Although he felt that the Spurs manager, Ossie Ardiles, would be a kindred spirit on the way the game should be played. Klinsmann could not allow himself to become trapped again.

Any contract would have an "get-out" clause to exercise should he feel the need. A further clause favoured by Klinsmann stipulated that any club that solo him would have to do so for no more than their initial purchase price; a ploy that enabled Klinsmann to move on continually

at increasingly favourable terms. Sugar was surely mindful of the potential for disruption that anyone earning £1 million a year could wreak on his existing squad. Nevertheless, he was adamant he would get his man. A compromise deal was thrushed out where Klinsmann's wages were a relatively modest £7,000 per week, but a "London living" allowance and a hefty signing-on fee brought the annual remuneration to around £1 million and, hence, led to the widely-reported £23,000 per week figure. Klinsmann was happy for the media to perpetuate the myth of his superstar salary. while Sugar was honour-bound to

And so Jürgen Klinsmann signed for Sugar and for Spurs. And the move was everything that Sugar could have hoped (and even dreamed). The media went crazy, and, amid a flurry of bad puns Jürg-er King! Herr-ifie! Jürgen Klinical! Klin the money! Our Herr-of Now Jürgen-a believe us! I've stuka one in! Klin with a shout?. Klinsmania was born. Jürgen's easy-going attitude, per-fect English and non-cliched soundbites had the media over the moon and eating out of his hand. Home lans queued to have his

preserve his player's ego.



Despite the personal terms agreed with Sugar, Klinsmann soon endeared himself to the Tottenham fans. His goalscoring celebration was widely imitated





name spelt across the back of their replica shirts, while Klinsmann Hotspur on the road became the country's all-ticket top draw (Spurs at Elland Road in October attracted a bigger crowd than the FA Cup semi-final at the same ground six months later).

On the pitch, Jürgen smashed a personal best of 29 goals that season (and was hugely instrumental in Teddy Sheringham's not inconsiderable tally of 23). Bar one game at Goodison Park, which

clashed with international duty, he the Spurs line-up throughout the season, despite two horrific accidents stretchered off bloodied and un-

conscious, at Hillsborough and at Villa Park, respectively. His award as Player of the Year from the Football Writers' Association was virtually unchallenged. Neutrals loved him, and the worst that Arsenal fans could feel was

jealousy. Although the team suffered its ups and downs, Klinsmann's continued good form ensured Sugar's personal stock remained high However, as the 1994-95 season drew to its close, Jürgen was increasingly pressed to confirm his

intention of seeing out the remaining year of his contract. Worryingly, he would not do so, amid speculation, and soon confirmation, that Franz Beckenbauer had earmarked his countryman to become the final piece in the restructured Bayern Munich

Since his accession to Bayern's residency in November 1994, Beckenbauer had instilled a realistic appreciation of the cost of assembling a team capable of

'Spurs wanted Klinsmann badly so he could afford to dictate outrageous personal terms'

> challenging for major honours. He was determined to leave a presidential imprint on the club; adamant that Bayern should no longer live in the shadow of the side he had captained to three successive European Cup wins between 1974 and 1976. His objective was simply stated: that "Bayern should re sume its position among the Euro mega clubs on a regular basis". Beckenbauer offered the 30-

> year-old Klinsmann a three-year contract worth £1 million a year, with a further £1.6 million signing

on fee - terms that almost doubled the German's earnings at White Hart Lane. Perhaps more important was that Bayern, under Beckenbauer, had determined to do exactly what Alan Sugar wanted to do at Tottenham - build a championship-winning side. However, unlike Tottenham, Bayern were not prepared to sacrifice a transitional season. With a new

coach, Otto Rehhagel - who had failed to win by one point the title for Werder Bramen when his new club beat them in the last game of the

season - the signais were clear: a revitalised Bayern with Klinsmann in attack, alongside new signings Strünz, Sforza and Herzog, together with Jean-Pierre Papin and Lothar

Matthäus returning after injury. going all out for the German donship in year one, followed by an assault on the Champions' League in year two.

Klinsmann had always been polite when commenting on Tottenham and the fans, but there was no denying that Bayern, playing in Munich's Olympic Sta-dium and commanding home crowds twice the Spurs average, really were in a different league. The German Bundesliga was enjoying a resurgence that saw average crowds exceed 30,000 and boast a strength in depth that surpassed the Premiership's league within-a-league hierarchy.

Just about every member of the national side was now back playing league football in Germany after their dalliances with overseas clubs. Add the attraction of finishing his career on home ground. plus the thinly-veiled assurances given by Beckenbauer that Jürgen would have a coaching career with Bayern when his playing days were over, and you couldn't really argue with Klinsmann's decision

to jump ship.
Against all those Fatherland comforts, the debits of staying at Tottenham were beginning to mount. Spurs had failed to qualify for Europe again and were far from being potential title-chasers. The side was heavily weighed down with journeyment there was still no midfield genius who could appreciate and reward Klinsmann's runs and feints (as previously Gascoigne had with Lineker). Gerry Francis [who re-Gascoigne had with placed Ardiles as manager in November 1994] had turned his team into a functioning unit, but the consequence of this was that Klinsmann was expected to play

his full part in defensive duties - a

Klinsmann was also concerned

chore few strikers relish.

at the number of games he was expected to play — the previous Christmas and new-year period had come as a shock to his system. as had the myonic referees who had consistently refused to protect him despite some serious penaltyarea butchery. No wonder thoughts of his second nightmare season at Monaco returned. Klinsmann had to ask himself why he should play a second year for Spors when he could play fewer games in a better team for more money in his own country?"

On the afternoon of Thursday May II, 1995, the media were summoned to The Cornedy Cafe in central London, where Jürgen announced his decision to leave

Spurs in just three days' time. "If anyone's to blame," Sugar confessed, "it's me. I signed Jürgen to solve a problem, and I've created another one. Maybe that's part of the learning process for me. Gerry looks more deeply into things."

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Problems in the transfer market and how Tottenham missed out on a big signing

Queen Anne's and Downe House players contest possession in the final on Saturday

Local rivals call time on Queen Anne's reign

BY JOHN GOODBOOK

IF LITTLE is certain in any sporting contest, this is particularly true when matches are of shorter duration than is customary.

Queen Anne's School, Caversham, were clear favourites to win their own invitational seniors lacrosse tournament on Saturday. They have been national champions in six of the past ten years. In March, they shared the title with Haberdashers' Aske's but have already beaten their co-holders this term.

Lacrosse is such a demanding game physically that, in a tournament compressed into 42 hours and with the finalists having to play a total of five games, the matches last a maximum of 16 minutes. This compares with up to 30 minutes for a full-length fixture in the under-18 age group.

In the final on Saturday,

Queen Anne's met Downe

House, their Berkshire rivals,

who had just beaten Chelten-

ham Ladies College 3-1 after extra time in the semi-finals. This extended period of play further handicapped Downe House for the final, which took place after only the briefest of breaks.

Queen Anne's, 1-0 semi-final winners over St Swithum's. Winchester, began the match showing vigour and enter-prise but, as their head of PE. Judy Gorrie, said: "The occasion and their eagerness to win unnerved them. We made too many mistakes, particularly with our basic stick-work.

Downe House played with aniomb. Their opponents, under pressure because of the lack of time, became increasingly frenetic and were deservedly beaten 2-0.

Downe House also have a distinguished recent pedigree in the national championships, having reached the semi-finals in each of the past five years.

Sarah Butt, their coach. said: "I think we could do even



better this year. We really gelled today."

Like Downe House, Queen Anne's have toured the United States, where lacrosse originally developed, this year. Lizzie Kennerley, 17, who has already been invited to attend England squad training sessions, was struck by the difference in the American style of play compared with that in Britain_

"They observe the rules much more strictly." she said. get penalised. You have to perpetuating thing."

wear gumshields by law over there, here it is just advised. The Americans run with the ball so much. Their

schools even have specific fitness instructors and the players have a pact not to drink or smoke during the season." Queen Anne's lost only one match on tour, their final fixture, when they conceded two goals in the last two minutes to be beaten 15-13 by Unionville HS, in Pennsyl-

A principle reason for Kennerley going to Queen Anne's, which is a girls-only, largely boarding, school en the edge of Reading, was because of her interest in lacrosse. "I saw everyone coming in muddy and thought: Yep, that is what I want to

. The school has had a good run of success. Gorcie said. because "the girls take pride in representing the school and the younger ones are inspired "You have to be careful not to by the older ones, it is a self-

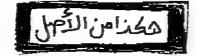
Kenneriev now plays as cover point in defence, the lacrosse equivalent of a sweeper in football. "You have to anticipate where the ball is going to be in two passes' time and watch the overlapping of

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Nicola Speller, the tearn captain, likes lacrosse because we all have to work for each other. You do get pretty tired. Half the battle is getting fit for the matches." As boarders, the pair can run together every night in addition to their regular three or four training sessions a week.

Speller said: "We concentrate on specific moves round the goal. We have code names for them so that everyone knows what we have to do."

That is something on which they will be concentrating over the next fortnight. Gorrie said: "On October 5, there is the Berkshire schools tournament and we want to play Downe House again." There was meaning in her voice as she said the words.



By DAVID HANDS HUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HARLEQUINS may occupy first place in the Courage Clubs Championship, but Wasps, the other unbeaten team in the first division, have earned far more of the glory. No other team can claim to have beaten Bath and Leicester in the league within the space of nine days beaten, that is, the two clubs that have dominated English rugby for the past decade.

Yet, with a mere three minutes left to play at Loftus Road yesterday, Wasps trailed and looked likely to regret the rush of blood from Va'aiga Tuigamala when he tapped a very kickable penalty 15 me-tres out only for Damian Cronin to fail to reach the line. Few, though, would quarrel with the outcome, for Wasps

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carried the game to Leicester and have skill, pace and a depth of character that is remarkable in so young a side. focus. They know that their

structured game will take them only so far in the modern, fast-moving era, but they have yet to determine who will be the guiding spirit to take them forward. It cannot be Dean Richards and the hard heads in their pack, but the backs have yet to establish an effective combination.

When all is said and done, though, Leicester could have won this match and maintained their move towards the top of the division. The game had entered the final quarter when, at last, Underwood found himself in space with only Rees, the Wasps full back, to beat. He might have gone himself, but chose instead to pass to the unmarked John Liley and the pass was forward. In so tight a game, a lead of six or eight points considerable mountain, but Wasps forced their way downfield via a succession of tapped

penalties. Indeed, Leicester will look back at the tally of 24 penalties or free kicks that they conceded and think that, even though they were awarded a penalty try ten minutes into the game. their methods and Steve Lander's interpretation of the law do not sit well together. On the past four competitive occasions in which club and referee have come together. Leicester have lost.

Whenever Wasps attacked them, hall in hand, Leicester were prone to collapsed mauls, offside or were judged to have prevented release. It is a moot point as to when a fair tackle, notably those achieved by the bear-like Richards, can be judged illegal, and Leicester may count themselves fortunate that Rees, the division's leading points-scorer, was so distrait with his goalkicking. Five out of eight penalty attempts flew wide.

Some may choose to see this game as unrepresentative of the kind of seat-of-the-pants rugby that has been played this season, yet it lacked nothing in excitement or incident. Early in the match. crossed the line but, though Leicester appeared to have conceded the position when the ball was turned over, they exerted so ferocious an influence on the scrum that Wasps hands dipped in and Lander awarded the penalty try.

Before the interval, Rees lined up six kicks at goal, but succeeded with only two. For all the dash of King and the powerful thrust of Sheasby, troubled by a nose injury for much of the match, Wasps looked doomed to fall short, their finishing failing to match the quality of their approach work. Even when Tuigamala rampaged through the centre. Healey recovered to grasp one massive leg and bring him

Healey's joust with Gomarsall - probably edged by the Wasp — was just one of the personal battles to illumi-



Sheasby, the inspirational Wasps No 8, can find no way through the Leicester defence at Loftus Road yesterday

nate the game. Gomarsell had the benefit of greater pace around him, but, as the second half wore on, the 10.686 crowd a thousand more than for the game with Saracens a fortnight earlier - began to wonder where the winning points would come from. In the end, they came from

Leicester. Wasps pressed, 15 metres from the line, and Garforth received a yellow card for killing the ball; Rees guided the penalty between the posts with two minutes left on the clock and the final thrust came in added time. Leicester were forced to run

from their own 22, Under-

replacement for young Sampson, scorching in by the corner flag to the acclaim of the

wood slipped and Wasps claimed the scrum. The back

row opted for the blind side

and Gomarsall sent Hopley, a

replacement for Sheasby (13-15)
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Welsh dragons breathe new life into West

Saracens 16

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WEST HARTLEPOOL are fortunate to be rubbing shoulders with the rugby elite as the relegation goalposts were moved at the end of last season. Mark Ring's team have, however, served notice that they intend to stay up on

Saracens found to their cost that West will be nobody's fools, suffering the ignominy of being the first team to lose to them in 23 league matches. While this was no classic, West deserved their upturn in fortunes.

The players, who made capitulation into something of an art form during the losing sequence, showed that while their amalgam of true northern grit, sprinkled with a host of Welsh accents, may not win them titles, it may well help them to earn enough points to SULVIVE.

West travel to Bath next Saturday before returning to the North East for a match against Leicester. No longer will they fear such fixtures. Dubbed Welsh Harriepool in some quarters. West are more than just a resting place for recruits from the Valleys.

Chris Murphy, the England A second-row forward and a giant of a 20-year-old, Ivan Morgan, an inspirational No 8 from Canterbury, New Zealand, but qualified to play for any of the home unions, and John Ions, England Under-21 flanker, dispelled

those jibes The Weish dragon was breathing fire outside the scrum as well. Ring's legs may not be as young as they used to be, but he put his experience, skill and vision to expert use. while Chris John, the Wales student international, looks to have been a shrewd signing. He was responsible for 15 of

West's points on Saturday. An England representative was at Brierton Lane to watch Saracens' highly-rated backrow players, Tony Diprose and Richard Hill, as well as Kyran Bracken, the scrum half, but will have been more impressed with the men wear-

ing green.

Murphy provided a feast of second-half lineout possession that the back row of Morgan, Ions and Alan Brown used with relish to drive Saracens backwards.

As for Saracens, embarrassed as much by their performance as the result, there is much work to be done. Without their general. Michael Lynagh, at stand-off half, they were lacking in direction - and points - and their forwards looked a throughly beaten bunch in the second half.

At half-time, the looked as though it was theirs for the taking. Leading 8-6 thanks to a Muna Edongalame try and a penalty by Andy Tunningley, to two from advantage of a strong wind.

Surely they could not waste it? They did, though, and although Richard Wallace, who will give many a first-division defence the runaround this season, sprinted over for a try in the 72nd minute. Saracens could not contain West.

Tries by Ring. Morgan and Chris John, all on virtually the same spot of the in-goal area, swept them to a surprise

Ring believes that West can move up and away from danger, but his Saracens counterpart, Mark Evans, will be keen to remind his wellpaid players that they cannot afford any more defeats like

WRST HARTLEPOOL: M Siva: M Wood, S John, C John, G Cordle, M Ring, M Rosenck, W de Jonge, S Whitelread, V Hartland, J Jons, C Murphy, D Milchell, A Brown, I Morgan Whitelhead replaced by T Herbert (53mm) Hartland replaced by P Whitelock, (51)

ROWING

Britain to oppose cutbacks

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

GREAT Britain will strongly resist proposals by Fisa, the international governing body, to reduce the number of events in future world championships. The Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) Council, supported by athletes, rejected the arguments of cost and media coverage put forward by Fisa and decided, at a meeting at Henley on Saturday, to fight for the retention

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Fisa wished to stage just 19 events, changing the emphasis of the sport radically since all the events dropped would be rowing rather than sculling disciplines, leaving the programme at 12 sculling and just seven rowing. All lightweight women's rowing, and the men's lightweight eight events, in which Britain has excelled internationally in recent years, would disappear.

Martin Cross. Britain's athlete representative on Fisa and a former Olympic champion. urged that Britain should coordinate with other countries. notably the United States and Canada, to resist the proposal at Congress next February.

The meeting also generated some heated debate on the future of domestic rowing. A proposed rule change, asked for by clubs, to introduce status points for wins in junior (schoolboy) events to reduce competition at lower-status levels between adult and school crews was roundly opposed by the Junior Rowing Commission.

Peter Politzer, chairman of the commission, said: "It seemed ludicrous that adults need to be protected against the competition of children. If the adult club crews are so poor that they cannot compete.

then the way forward must be to assist them, but not by penalising good and successful juniors." He is to hold a special innior conference to discuss the issue in October. The meeting marked the

end of an era with the retirement of Brian Armstrong. Britain's international rowing manager since 1990. The respect for Armstrong's professional approach was underlined by the numbers of administrators and athletes who attended a subsequent farewell on Temple Island. They included Steve Redgrave and Manhew Pinsent, winners of the gold medal in the coxless pairs at the Atlanta Olympics.

Colin Myrone, a founder member and current chairman of the West of England ARA, has been awarded the ARA Medal of Honour.

Vauxhall Contenence

Northwich v Hednesford (7.45)

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Youth policy is the pride of Lionesses

THE CHARGE of Millwall Lionesses in the premier national division has begun in earnest as the London team inflicted the first defeat of the season on Doncaster Belles yesterday (Sarah Forde writes). The Lionesses, touted over the past two seasons to cause a stir with a plethora of young players brought into the team, appear to have

begun to fulfil their potential. It is early days but a victory away to one of the stronger teams - albeit 1-0 - sounds a warning of Millwall's intention this season. Millwall share top spot with Wembley, another team of promise and expertly organised by John

Jones, the manager.

Wembley had the less daunting task of travelling to Tranmere Rovers but won to move level on points and goal difference with Millwall. The

implications are that the established order, dominated by Doncaster, Arsenal and Croy don will be nuffled this year

Liverpool, who had lost their first two games, fired on all cylinders to despatch newly-promoted Southampton Saints 6-l. Arsenal cruised to a 4-0

victory against likeston Town. Joanne Broadhurst, the linchpin of their forward movements, was on the end of two of their flowing thrusts into likeston's porous defence. Rachel Yankie, one of half a dozen new players, scored shortly after having come on as a substitute proving that Vic Akers, the coach,

has plenty of options. Croydon came back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Everton, Terry Davis and Debbie Bampton bringing them a point.

SWIMMING

Snelling going in at deep end

By Craig Lord

HAD Deryk Snelling, Great Snelling, a Lancastrian, who Britain's first performance dileft Britain some 30 years ago for a successful career in rector, had any doubts about the massive task facing him in Canada, a country for which his attempt he revive the he has produced a multitude of Olympic medal-winners. country's swimming fortunes by ending a culture that seems "I'd say you are about 25 bent on everything but proyears behind Canada." he said ducing world-class competibefore describing the restors, the official Olympic ponsibilités he will assume

Birmingham hotel yesterday representing "a truly exciting would have left him under few challenge". Those who did attend yesterday mulled over pre-Games "For a moment, I thought the thing was about to take off. preparations and concluded that all had been well, though But it never actually did." a bemused Snelling said. Just 15 more discussions about the club coaches and a handful of worth of training camps as swimmers turned up, while part of a national plan were halfway through the proceeddeemed essential. Few deleings the Scottish representagates spoke, however, perhaps tives made their apologies and conscious that Snelling is now the man who must find the

officially on October 1 as

solutions. British swimmers in Atlanta won two medals, one silver. one bronze, filled eight places in finals and 14 in B. or consolation, finals. That was not a had effort, most seemed to think, and in true head-inthe-sand fashion appeared keener to dwell on the fact that 65 per cent of the men and 40 per cent of women who went to Atlanta improved on the times recorded in the Olympic trials. rather than the more stark statistic that in 35 races only six British competitors pro-

duced personal-best times. After the meeting, Snelling said that lasting success could be achieved only after five to eight years of development. He intends to achieve that not by directly developing the grass roots but by setting standards of excellence at elite centres that the sport's lower orders can aspire to, "It's the reverse pyramid structure and it's the right one for Britain." he said.

CYCLING

Boardman celebrates his moment of truth

CHRIS BOARDMAN yesterday become the first British professional to win the Classic Grand Prix des Nations timetrial, when he celebrated victory over Bjarne Riis, the Tour de France winner, and Abraham Olano, the World Road Race champion.

In an unparalleled display



THE NORTH EAST Ladies: L. Hills & S. Record. E. Rawlins & M. Whithy Newcustle). S. Armstrong & A. Moore, M. Lawaev & C. Lockie, M. Anderson &

C. Forrest (Brechin). Mixed: J. & M. Jeffrey, R. & A. Stewart (Kelso).

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of sustained litness, Boardman beat Riis by 4min 51sec and Olano by 5min Hsec in the 70-kilometre Race of Truth at Lac du Madine, France, In doing so, he completed his fourth international time-trial victory on successive weekends

Boardman, who will race next Sunday in the French Duo Normand with, as yet, an unnamed partner, said: "I was gin I had over Riis and Olano."

The 16 invited riders started at two-minute intervals. Riis went off four minutes before the British champion and Olano two minutes later. Boardman caught and passed both of them on the road.

Boardman, whose string of victories will have improved his world ranking, has now achieved all five targets that he set himself in the run-up to the World Time-Trial in Lugano on October 10: the world track pursuit title, the world one-hour record, and the Eddy Merckx, Telekom and Grand

Prix des Nations time-trials. Simon Bray (Team Energy) won the 90-mile Tour of the Peak from Matt Stephens yesterday after the pair had broken clear in the last five

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

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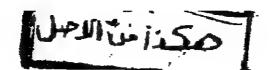
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RUGBY UNION

McGeechan lays sound foundations for future

Even when they believed they had attracted the multi-

talented Frano Botica, from

Castleford, to bring on their

youngsters, they found him lured away by Llanelli, with

whom they now have a dis-

pute over compensation -

said to be around £60,000,

which, in these over-inflated

days, might buy a London club a half-decent forward.

Even so, they can find a player, like Rob Hitchmough

from West Park, with enough

talent to attract the attention of

the RFU's talent-spotting

squad: Ian Metcalle and Ian

Peck were both at Franklin's Gardens to assess the form of.

among others. Hitchmough at

full back, only for the Botica

dispute to move him to stand-

off half, where he made a fair

fist of matters even while

Orrell's prospects drained

away in a second-half on-

ble last January, has that venerated qualification, a

Within four minutes of the

interval, Northampton had fatally damaged Orrell's al-

ways-slim hopes. Delightfully creative passing worked tries for Rodber and Hunter —

playing his first game of the season at full back - and, thereafter, only a charged-down try by Tuigamaia earned the Lancashire club

any relief. Bell's brace in the

final quarter hammered down the coffin lid and Orrell's.

yellow card, which might have

the game been all but over.

been of a different hue had not

Scottish grandmother.

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Sons Services

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

OF ALL the clubs in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, Northampton have made the transition from the amateur to the professional era better than most. They already had many of the business structures and the financial support in place and, last season, they were playing the fluid, entertaining rugby to which most of their new

peers now aspire. That style has translated from the seamd division to the first. Ian McGeechan, their director of rugby, acknowledges that the first division contains bigger, more tactically-aware players, but he has the personnel to overcome any difficulties. More to the point, he believes he is creating a generation of players, down through all the club teams, who want to play in the same, entertaining fashion.

Though he was there to The style demands its own assess the form of Gregor discipline, as well as mental Townsend, Scotland's assisconcentration and a high detant coach, David Johnston, gree of fitness: "The more will have borne word about the two Northampton flankers often the situation on the field changes, the better players they will become," McGeenorth of the border: Pountney, from the Channel Islands, has chan said. His team at expressed interest in Scotland Franklin's Gardens on Saturand MacKinnon, who turned day supported him to the hilt. up from Australia via Greno-

There is a clarity to McGeechan's observations that is much appreciated: a year ago, he was talking of a European club structure that is now, notionally, in place.

Now he speaks of the need from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) of a comparatively small financial gesture as the key to unlocking the crisis between the union and the clubs, and the prospect of the British Isles - whom he will coach in South Africa next summer - playing a threematch series against incoming tour teams as the climax to games against each of the

home unions. Yet the game's complex politics were not on McGeechan's mind after a less than archetypal Northampton performance. They created more problems for themselves than they solved in a first half that saw only one of the game's eight tries scored - and, for that, a gritty defensive display by Orrell must take some

Poor Orrell. How they have worked these past 20 years to Simon Barnes sees the league leaders march

on with an error-strewn victory at Bristol

was the coach of England, Dick Greenwood has an inalienable right to play like a pillock." He was talking about the traditional English forward-dominated. "up-your-jumper" — rugby now, under-resourced and cutting their cloth accordingly. vogue in union circles right they stare up at the rest of the now - style of rugby union.

An amateur, the traditional rugby belief states, has no obligation to please anyone but himself. He is there for the fun of it and, if he wants to lie in the mud with the ball underneath him all afternoon that is his business. And, if anyone wants to turn up and watch, even to pay money for the privilege, that is his. An audience, even an audience of millions which, via a television company, has paid millions, certainly does not impinge on this inalienable right.

Fast-forward a dozen years, and watching Harlequins go to Bristol to win 35-24 will be like watching the Harlem Globetrotters win against whoever it was they always won against. No cheerleaders, doubtless they will come, but any moment you expected to hear the Globetrotters' theme tune, Sweet Georgia Brown.
Afterwards, Dick Best, the

Harlequins director of rugby, was getting all trembly-lowerlipped about various rotters who have criticised the deathbed conversion of rugby union to "entertainment". "If this had happened anywhere

abroad, you'd all be applaud-

ing it," he said. "Two sides, so positive, scoring tries, and the game is about scoring tries." Well, Harlequins ran in another four on Saturday, plus a penalty try. There was lots of good stuff to applaud, too. But the catalogue of errors on both sides was quite horrendous. Most handling errors in either code of rugby come from bad passes: balls that should not have been thrown. The score



Dizzy Harlequins in need of sobering thoughts

would have been far closer to a proper basketball score had each side not been so eager to capitalise on each other's errors that they promptly made errors of their own.

Rugby people traditionally look forward to the spring. when bouncy turf and a dry ball will allow the boys to spin the ball out again". Oddly enough, as this autumnal try-glut continues across the country, rugby types are looking forward to the coming of the rains and the pitch that will take a long stud.

What they are really looking for, I think, is for the pendulum to settle: for it has swung from the self-conscious prag-matism of the past to the opposite extreme of vaudeville rugby. It is time to sober up and add purpose to the manic, error-strewn, game plans.

Bristol, with limited playing resources, try to play it tighter than most. Feeding on a littul start by Harlequins, they shoved their way to a ten-point lead. Leads are harder to sit on these days, however.

There are two sorts of spoiling plays, legal ones and the other kind: a kind that forwards got away with in the past. Now referees pick them up all the time. Thus Staples rought Harlequins back into it with a sharp touchline run and then came the penalty try. You get at least one of these game this season, a powerper game trus seasons a positive ful disincentive to previously acceptable forms of cheating.

There was much to enjoy, especially the Harlequins centre pairing of Carling and Connolly, a rugby league man from Wigan. Connolly is one of those wonderfully watchable complete rugby players and Carling seemed deter-mined to show him that he

could have made a decent

league player himself. Carling has never possessed much grace, but his courage, timing and upper body strength give him the precious ability to unload the ball in tackle after tackle. Connolly, who knows that support play is the heart of the running game, was always there to snap up the little shovel passes as Carling went down. They should be quite a double act by

January - when Connolly returns to Wigan. Perhaps he should take Carling with him.

Carling is, after all, a man in need of a new purpose in life. His magnificent period as England captain under Geoff Cooke's management is now being talked about, by those obsessed with the vaudeville spirit of the age, as a kind of Dark Age from which England have emerged triumph-

Carling has stood out against the the players' boycott of England practice sessions, a move made only slightly less was not asked to attend them in the first place. His faintly

take the place-kicking - he experienced mixed fortunes with the latter on Saturday, landing one beauty from the touchline but missing two others, one a sitter — indicate a restless spirit.

He is not sure of his role in life any more. He he is suffering from an identity crisis. But then so is his sport.

Rigorous test finds Bath accelerating nicely

BY NICOLAS ANDREWS

SCORERS: Northempton: Tries: Bell (2), Thomeycrott, Rodber, Hunter, Dawson, Mackinnon. Conversioner: Grayson (3) Omet: Try: Tuigemele. Conversion: Tugamele. WHILE they are the first to admit that the engine is not yet in tune and the bodywork still needs further polish, the Bath machine is at least Tuggarnese.
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M Stewart, D Meckinnon, J Philips, S
Foole, A Pounting, T Rodber back on the road. The wheels did not exactly come off with defeats by Leicester and Wasps, but the CARELL: S Taberner, J Neyfor, D Lyon, L Tulgamete, N Hestop: R Histornough, S Cook: P Lectson, M Scott, S Turner, P Angelsae, C Cusent, P Ress, P Coyton, A Mactarlane, Mactarlane replaced by J Hudey (S4mri) Scott replaced by A Mortest (70) successive reversals did represent an unprecedented setback for the perennial league champions.

It was never going to be an easy ride at Kingsholm on Saturday. That Bath managed seven tries brought

centre, said. "If JC [Callard] had had his kicking boots on, it would have been 60. There was a lot of pressure

on our side and, at times, it showed." Indeed it did. The stirring victory over their West Country rivals last April was already a distant memory and some stayed away from Kingsholm fearing a rout, but Gloucester never said die. They took a 17-15 lead five minutes after the break and, even at 22-38 with eight minutes to go, Greening bought them

back with a richly-deserved try.
"That was a bit of the old Gloucester," Richard Hill, director of coach-

them much satisfaction. "We scored ing at Kingsholm and a former Bath Robinson sought to buildoze his way afterwards. "I don't think there is soluted and anything wrong with our game." knew that they had been through a game. When I had to play against them, that was what we got."

Bath have committed themselves to a brand of fast, flowing rugby that means they pay a heavy price when things go wrong. Two passages of play summed up the problem.

Jason Robinson is an exciting prospect on the Bath wing but, in his desire to keep the ball alive, the Wigan rugby league player took the wrong option just before half-time. A good old-fashioned hoof into touch would have done very nicely when he raced back to field a probing Mapletoft kick to the corner. Instead,

Mapletoft cut the deficit to three points from the resulting penalty.

Then, five minutes after the restart. Guscott tapped and ran from deep inside his own 22. He was tackled. turned over and Gloucester set up the move that saw Deacon score in the corner to put his side ahead.

That Bath survived to triumph through tries from Adebayo (two), Nicol, Ojomoh, Catt, Callard and Jason Robinson said much for the character and determination questioned a week before. "The nature of the game is such that you are going to get high-scoring matches," John Hall, the Bath director of rugby, said

boosted by the improved fitness that brought Gloucester three second-half tries: "I feel a lot happier. I can see there's a will to win, it's just the little things we have got to get right."

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Fickle fate befalls the Irish

BY PETER BILLS

HANDS thrust deep into his trouser pockets, Clive Woodward wore an expression of concern at the close of this match. And why not? As a friendly Irish voice said out of earshot: "I wouldn't like to be

coach of that lot." One could understand his point of view. London Irish, battered the previous week 60-7 at Harlequins, made the perfect start to this crucial Courage Clubs Championship encounter, followed it with a dire half-hour in which they handed Sale 22 points, then proceeded to dominate the rest of the game.

Giving any opponents in the first division a 19-point start is a risky strategy, yet Irish nearly escaped from the large pit they had dug for themselves. Such was the passion and intensity of their forward driving play that Sale were sive advantage after a second-

clinging precariously to their advantage for the remainder of the match.

As the Sale player-coach, John Mitchell, said: The Irish are a passionate people and they play with their heart. But, unfortunately for the Exiles. they were chaotic. Had they spread the ball wide a few more times, they might have

How a coach tries to make sense of such a startlingly erratic and inconsistent performance is anyone's guess For, in addition to their other failings, Irish missed tackles all over the field in the opening half-hour. The most critical was Bish-

op's failure to nail Mallinder as he collected Humphreys's chip through to the Sale line. The full back, impressive until his early departure, instigated a 95-yard move that ended with Ryan's try at the other

That score, plus others by Stocks and Warr in the first 17 minutes, gave Sale the deci-

minute dropped goal by Humphreys. Sale were rocked by the fury of the frish reply, yet none could mistake their impressive shape and formation. They looked the more cohesive unit

and they played attractive, purposeful rugby when the chance was offered What they lacked, until Mitchell appeared for the last 20 minutes as a substitute, was the streetwise quality that New Zealanders regard as second nature. As for the Irish, a difficult season looms unless they can discover more composure and greater ability

in certain positions.

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SALE: J Mallinder; D Rees, J Basendell, G Stocks, C Yates; N Ryen, M Warr, P Smith, S Diamond, A Smith, D O'Gracky, J Fowter, D Baldwin, A Monts, C Vyvyan Mallinder replaced by S Vertockas (40) Vyvyan replaced by J Mitchell (54).

Referer: P Adems (WRIL)

in certain positions.

Scots rally the have-nots

London Scottish . Waterloo ...

By Alison Kervin

SCHADENFREUDE had permeated the air of every clubhouse in the country when this season got under way, as the day's results flickered on to television screens in rowdy. post-match bars. Richmond, that smooth, internationalfilled, millionaire-backed club, had drawn with Coventry, a rival that announced itself £150,000 in debt a few months ago - proof, at last, that the team effort is greater than the

sum of its players, whatever their value. London Scottish players, who share a ground and club facilities with Richmond, must have found it more difficult than most to smother a sly smile at the news. How much fun must it have been to see Brian Moore, Ben Clarke and six other internationals arriving for training and to see Richmond posters, flags and colours plastered all around

the town? Yet, despite Richmond's plethora of internationals, London Scottish are above them in the table, having won all their games this season and on Saturday, they went a step further on the road to proving that they are an outlit to be taken seriously by beating Waterloo, another of the divi-

sion's non-spenders. Waterloo scored after just five minutes through David Thompson, converted by Chris Thompson — the wing brought into the side to bolster their kicking effort. A penalty and a converted try for Waterloo through Simon Wright was balanced by a penalty and tries for Graeme Smith and Max Duthie.

The first half lacked pace, vision and self-belief but, for the second week running, London Scottish enjoyed a resurgence in the second half. Waterloo added just 13 points to their score - a try from Paul White and kicks from Chris Thompson, Scottish, in contrast, sent Steele over after a beautifully-weighted pass from Eriksson, Duthie went over for his second try of the day and Eriksson touched

Interestingly, the Scots now have an investor themselves, though not in the same league as Richmond. Tony Tiarkis, a Monaco-based millionaire, has officially "bought" the club and is in the process of negotiating contracts and new signings. Nevertheless, in the meantime, the bizarre relationship between the haves and the have-nots will continue in Richmond.

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MATERLOC: D Thompson; C Thompson, M Coest, N Hal, G Monaphan; A Handley, S Wingir; K Seston, P Heckett, M Beckett, D Byth, P White, N Allott, P Buckett, S Bubby, Seston replaced by Bloomfield (57). Hall replaced by D Evens (53).

Evans revels in new role as Llanelli come from behind

Swansea17

By GERALD DAVIES

IEUAN EVANS has scored a fair few tries in his time. Some of them. for club and country, are etched in the memory. He is fleet of foot. But this season, through force of circumstances, he is putting his right foot to

additional usc. For the moment at least, he has become Llanelli's goalkicker. It is odd, somewhat disconcerting, to see him stranded near the touchline aiming for the posts, instead of that swaggering gait jogging back to the halfway line after his team's score.

Evans took over the role two weeks ago during a match, but on Saturday he had been given the job an hour or so before kick-off. There was sympathy for him: no one wants to see a hero embarrass himself with an unfamiliar task. No one need have worried. He had already suc-

ceeded with two penalties inside the first five minutes. By half-time, he had added two more and, by the end of the match, he was scoring tries as well. Apart from Proctor's try, Evans scored all of his team's points. But prolific points-scoring of this kind will not last for long. On

Friday, Lianelli completed a deal to

bring Frano Botica, whose contract

was with Castleford but is now with

Orrell, to play at Stradey. A sore hip

denied him the chance of playing over the weekend but he will be available next Saturday. Evans can then return to his solitary stance on the wing

But for Proctor, in fact, all of the points the game produced would have been scored by two players. The 17 that Swansea gathered came from Arwel Thomas. Slight of frame, an observer might fear for his life among the beefier players, but he is brave, has a quick eye, and takes the chance when it presents itself.

After Evans's early penalties, and on Swansea's first foothold inside the home team's 22-metre line, Thomas took advantage of a gap between Boobyer and Davies in Llanelli's midfield. Selling a dummy, the gap widened and he scored beneath the posts.

Evans, by now sure-footed to the point of nonchalance, kicked two more penalties. After another penal-Thomas, thanks to good work by Gibbs, Appleyard and Booth, came away on the blind side. A dummy scissors, with the sweetest of movements to Harris, opened a narrow stretch along the touchline for the stand-off half to score his second try. He converted both, but this lead

appeared too slim to hold. If these were two were evenly matched teams, the crucial difference for Llanelli was the work of Cooper and Voyle in the lineout and the energetic and comprehensive involvement of Wyatt in the back row. Within four minutes of the interval, Evans brought the scores level with his first try.

His audacious, 50-metre penalty then gave Lianelli the lead and, after Thomas had missed a kickable penalty for Swansea, two superb tries by Proctor and Evans gave them a deserved victory.

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Leicestershire spirit away title honours

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (24pts) beat Middlesex (4) by an innings and 74 runs

FINALLY, even the most sceptical ran dry of reasons to doubt them. Leicestershire won the county championship because they played the most consistently convincing cricket of the many pretenders to the title this year. They won it because they had the best team, if not the best players. And they won it because they believed that they would.

James Whitaker, a highly motivational captain, was inexhaustible in telling his players, and anyone else who cared to listen, that nothing was beyond them. Phil Simmons enforced this philosophy with the help of those who are well-known, such as David Millns and Alan Mulially, and those, such as Wells and Adrian Pierson, who are not. "It hasn't been about me, or

about Jimmy," Simmons told an ecstatic crowd from the Grace Road balcony. "It is about being a team." Like most of his colleagues. Simmons was dazed as much by the celebrations of the previous night as the impact of improbable success, but this was still a succinct summary of Leicestershire's methods. To a degree, they are clones

of the previous champions, Warwickshire. They, too, were short on big names and obvious title potential but, for both sides, success came through meticulous preparation and a maximising of every asset of technique or temperament, creating a spirit that oppo-nents could neither break nor adequately fathom.

Whitaker has encouraged his players to be open, uninhibited, even unafraid of looking daft. Their curious armlocking huddle after each wicket started out in jest but took on symbolism and, on Saturday, with the title safe, the team indulged in an impromptu conga along the committee balcony. One could hardly imagine

Raymond Illingworth leading such a performance back in



The champagne flows on the Grace Road balcony after Leicestershire had secured victory in the county championship against Middlesex at the weekend

1975, when the championship pennant last flew in Leicester, but that suits the present team just fine. They do not wish to compared with Illingworth's side, as has been the fate of every Leicestershire team for the past two decades: they want to be assessed and appreciated on their own

These merits are considerable — more considerable, certainly, than any but Whitaker himself imagined when the season began. Despite being new to a job he had awaited with scarcely concealed impatience, Whitaker possessed a rare self-belief. He might have left the county three years ago, when he had the opportunity to captain elsewhere, but his roots held his ambition in check, only to be fully unleashed when he succeeded Nigel Briers this spring.

Since our pre-season tour to South Africa, I always felt we could win it if we steered ear of injuries," he said. Whitaker has spoken for months of allowing his players to express themselves and of finding "the extra ten or 20 per cent that most county players have in reserve". He has achieved it triumphantly and his leadership merits comparison with that of Dermot Reeve

Like Warwickshire last year, Leicestershire were beaten only once in their titlewinning programme. They lost their sixth game, in mid-June, to the Surrey side that pursued them to the wire. Since then they have seldom looked like cracking, despite twice falling foul of poor weather. They won their last four games, three of them by an innings, and took the title

by 27 points. The most remarkable, most pertinent aspect of their success is that they used only 13 players in the championship. More than one county this year has used more than 20, which inevitably dissipates team spirit. Leicestershire lived together as a tight unit, overseen by the avuncular figure of their manager, Jack Birkenshaw, a player in the 1975 title side yet infinitely more fulfilled by his latest feat.

"It is the highlight of my career," Birkenshaw said yesterday. "Even better than playing Test cricket for England. We have a seifless bunch of players. There is no one who is looking to grab the glory for himself. James has been a big influence as captain — he is so very positive - and Simmons has had a wonderful year."

Simmons's exclusion from the West Indies team since before the World Cup grates

visibly. "But it's not my form that is keeping me out, it's a personal vendetta against me by someone on the selection committee," he said.

He will be doing his best to overcome that barrier this winter, though he has already been omitted from the party to tour Australia. He does not expect to be asked to sign a contract by the West Indies Cricket Board and he plans to be back at Grace Road next nmer "for another party".

It may not rival the one that consumed Grace Road this weekend. From the moment when Surrey conceded the title by forfeiting an innings at the Oval, and teatime suddenly

became champagne time, the drinks flowed. There were some necessary dark glasses. some unsteady walks yesterday morning, but nobody cared and Middlesex were not in the mood to embarrass the hung-over.

Millns took four for 21 to wrap up victory inside 50 minutes and provoke yet more triumphalism from the balcony. On Tuesday, the team will parade the trophy for a civic reception. On Friday, they stage a club dinner and the "sold out" signs are up. Suddenly, incongruously, Leicestershire are a boom club and county cricket is the better for

Bicknell's defiance tempers defeat for Surrey

DESTRUCTION OF THE PERSON OF T

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE OVAL (final day of four): Worcestershire (20pts) beat Surrey (4) by 124 runs

WHEN they were 108 for seven, chasing 424 for victory. Surrey were in danger of finishing a good season with an embarrassing defeat. They lost shortly after tea but there was nothing to be ashamed about. A fine undefeated hundred by Darren Bicknell and some rollicking hitting by Julian ensured that, although they lowered the flag, their heads remained high.

it was a grand day for Bicknell, whose last hundred at the Oval was as long ago as August 1993. It must be an odd feeling to open the batting on a Test ground, particularly one that befriends batsmen, and find yourself drying up. as Bicknell has done here. He had made 120 when Surrey's last wicket fell on 299.

He became the first Surrey batsman to carry his bat in county cricket since 1991. when he made an unbeaten 145 against Essex at Chelmsford. The last Surrey batsman to carry his bat in first-class cricket was Alec Stewart, opening for England against Pakistan at Lord's in 1092

So Surrey linish third in the championship, and collect £15,000 for their pains. This was an important season for them, and they have finished it

in credit. Stewart seemed content as he reflected on a year that brought a trophy — the AXA Equity & Law League - to the club for the first time in 14 years, and is confident that Surrey can maintain their progress in the years to come. It has been a good year for him, too. He lost his Test place in June, regained it through an injury to Nick Knight, and has retained it since.

"It would have been nice to

FINAL TABLE

Somerset (9) . . 17 5 6 6 38 61 197

Glouce (6) . 17 5 7 5 23 59177 Hempshire (13) 17 3 7 7 41 56 166

Lancashire (4) 17 2 6 9 49 52160

Northants (3) . . . 17 3 8 6 36 57 159 Nolts (11) 17 1 9 7 42 52 131 Durham (17) 17 0 12 5 22 60 97

(Last season's positions in brackets)

have won another trophy," he

said, "but it has been a fair

season. We are a good side

and have played some good

cricket. In the past, players

have left it to others to come up

with the goods. This year we

On the batting side, Stewart

can be pleased with the

progress of Adam Hollioake.

who captains the England A

team in Australia this winter.

and Butcher, who will accom-

pany him. "We have two top-

class players there," he said.

The bowling has been strengthened by Julian and

Lewis, who can also bowl and

field well. Martin Bicknell's

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have matured."

Openers set up Glamorgan win

By JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Glamorgan (24pts) beat Essex (6) by seven wickets

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HUGH MORRIS and Stephen James are one of the more prolific pairs in county cricket. Yesterday, they rounded off another good season with a partnership of 199, which not only surpassed the previous highest opening partnership for Glamorgan against Essex, but proved expensive for their opponents.

Failure to squeeze a victory out of this match left Essex in fifth place; a win would have seen them runners-up to Leicestershire. The difference amounts to £21,000.

The comparative ease with which Glamorgan achieved the task of scoring 284 runs belief and underlined that the main obstacle in Essex's quest for high honours has been an attack which has lacked a cutting edge - certainly on pitches as good as that prepared by Stuart Kerrison for this match. As Morris moved confidently past his sixth century of the season, the bowling looked threadbare and

EXPENDED. It could have been a different tale if Gooch — yes, he is fallible — had been able to



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fasten on to a straightforward catch at slip (if there is such a thing) offered from the second ball of the innings by James. For it was James, no less than Morris whose batting caused demoralisation in the Essex After matching Morris run

for run in the race which saw Glamorgan's journey towards the first 100 runs completed inside 27 overs. James then played second fiddle. Morris was on song and there was no stopping him. When Law, Essex's most

successful bowler, finally beat an attempt by Morris to hit him out of the ground, the chunky Welshman had batted for 31 hours for his 149, had hit 24 fours and had made his first century against Essex. He now needs only one against Surrey to complete a full set against the counties.

Gooch's catching was again tried and found wanting when he put down Hemp at mid-off. But by then the game was all but over as Hemp, forcefully, and Contey, carefully, saw Glamorgan home and into tenth place in this year's championship with nine balls

to spare.
The continuation of the Essex innings, based on the firm foundation of being 157 ahead with seven wickets in hand. went more or less according to the overall plan. Individually. though, expectations that the bulk of the scoring would be done by Gooch and Law were soon dashed.

Only 15 had been added when Law became the second of Cosker's four wickets, holing out into the sure hands of Hemp at cover. It was a risky stroke, but Essex needed quick runs and Law lives danger-ously. When Gooch fell, caught at mid-on, only 20 runs had been added and Cosker, with Gooch, Hussain and Law now in his locker, was treading on air.

His day was somewhat spoilt when he failed to catch Rollins at mid-wicket when the Essex wicketkeeper had made 24. Rollins went on to score 46 from 51 balls, ensuring, with the assistance of flott and Irani that Essex were in a position to declare at lunch and give themselves a fighting chance of victory as Glamorgan chased the runs. But Morris and James made a nonsense of their aspirations.

Smith's end-of-term spirit goes missing

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Hampshire (Spts) drew with Nottinghamshire

IT WAS not meant to be a symbolic gesture but it was as good a way of summing up an undistinguished end to an undistinguished season for two counties who just did not have it in them to sign off with a bit of style. Chris Cairns, Nottingham-

shire's New Zealand allrounder, who had just been given out caught behind, stormed off the field, pausing only to throw his bat into a convenient rubbish bin. Whether he was angry with himself, with the umpire, or simply with the way the game was being played, it hardly seemed to matter.

NORTHAMPTON (final day

of four): Northamptonshire (opts) drew with Yorkshire

WHEN the long, cold winter nights make most memories

of the summer grow dim, Mal Loye and Richard Montgo-

merie, the Northamptonshire

opening batsmen, will have no

trouble recalling just how they

last wielded a bat in anger.

They spent much of yesterday

the final day of the 1996
season — making their side

safe from defeat and, in the

process, created a sizeable

piece of history as they shared

the highest opening partner-ship in Northamptonshire's

class county.

Neither Loye, who scored a maiden double-century, nor

Montgomerie, who contribut-

ed 127 towards their stand of 372 in six hours, will be touring with the England

sides this winter, although

quite why, in Loye's case, is a

He was chosen for an Eng-

land A tour three years ago at

the age of 21, and that he has

not progressed significantly

since then perhaps says more about the club than the player.

In a strong batting side, it is

often easier to leave out the

character who complains the

least, and even this season, in

which Loye has scored 1,000

moot point.

Hampshire began 161 ahead with nine wickets in hand, but it was soon obvious that they had no intention of giving the faithful few something to remember during the months of hibernation. Johnson, the Nottinghamshire captain, did try to chivvy them along by bowling himself, Archer, Dowman and even the wicketkeeper, Noon, all to no avail.

Johnson actually had the satisfaction of taking a wicket - only his sixth in 15 seasons - when he held a return catch to dismiss White for a painstaking 53, and Archer picked up three with what he describes as "very medium pace", but their smiles disappeared when Smith, Hampshire's acting captain, allowed the innings to continue until Nottinghamshire needed to

runs for the first time, he has

began work at 2.40pm on

Saturday, when Yorkshire, for

whom victory would have given them equal fourth place, enforced the follow-on 256

runs ahead. The pair resumed

vesterday on 157 and still had

plenty to do to save the game,

but, once they had negotiated

a brief burst of speed from

Gough, their bats were rarely

beaten again on what was a

The first-wicket record, pro-

viously held by Oldfield and

Broderick, who put on 361 against Scotland in 1953, fell at

.53pm, when Loye swept

Stemp to the boundary to also

take his own score to 201.

Shortly after. Gough returned

with the intention of taking the

new ball, but, before he did so,

Montgomerie tried to swat the

ball through mid-wicket for

the umpteenth time and mis-

cued into the hands of Silverwood. Two balls later,

and with the new ball now in

his hand, Gough had Loye held at second slip.

ing a positive result, North-

amptonshire batted on in

relaxed mood, Bailey and

Walton scoring runs much as they liked in the final session

before an offer of some dis-

accepted at 4.40pm.

With no prospect of obtain-

liseless pitch.

been dropped twice.

Openers graft their

way into record book

Smith's explanation for a decision which seemed to take no account of the fact that neither side had anything to lose or that there were speciators to be entertained was that,



Walsh wins

reward for

durability

ALTHOUGH Kent's strong

bid for the county champion-ship tide linished on a note of

anti-climax at Bristol on Sat-

urday, when they were crushed by ten wickets by Gloucestershire, they certain-

ly took the palm for the most

improved side of the season.

rising from eighteenth to fourth place in the table (Geoffrey Wheeler writes). As in the first innings,

Kent's batsmen were unable to cope with the wonderfully durable Courtney Walsh, who

finished as the season's lead-

ing wicket-taker despite miss-ing two matches, including the one against Durham, who

inherited the wooden spoon

There seemed an outside

chance that Durham might

win their first match of the

season on Saturday when a stout second-innings recov-

ery, led by Hutton and Cox, enabled them to leave Derby-

shire 219 to win. But Derby-shire needed only 46 overs to

knock off the runs for a win

which secured them second

place in the table. 27 points

At Hove, where Somerset

won by eight wickets, Sussex succembed to some persistent

fast bowling from Andrew

Caddick, who confirmed his

fitness for winter tour duty

with match figures of ten for

behind Leicestershire.

from Kent.

two fit bowlers. It was a surprise, therefore, when one of the supposed casualties. Udal, opened the attack and proceeded to bowl unchanged throughout the innings without any sign of injury.

Not surprisingly, Notting-hamshire, who had declared 122 behind in the hope of making a game of it, were unimpressed. They may have played some poor cricket in the county championship this season but they were enterprising enough to finish joint top of the AXA Equity & Law League, losing the title to Surrey only on an inferior scoring rate, and they would have been prepared to chase anything reasonable for only their second win of the season. Now, however, they made their intentions plain from the

There did seem to be a score 304 off a minimum of 52 with Bovill, Botham and Udal outset. With Robinson nursing chance of a decent finish when overs. to open with Dowman, and they made no attempt to force the pace against the spin of Udal and Maru.

There was some incentive for the bowlers in that Maru needed only three more wickets to become the eighteenth Hampshire bowler to take 500 in first-class cricket while Udal could have done with a match-winning performance to give him some consolation at the end of a moderate SEASON.

They were to be disappointed. Maru had to settle for two wickets and Udai three as only Archer, adding to his firstinnings century with 63 off 100 balls, including two sixes and eight fours, relieved the gloom of a cold and cheerless day. The shivering spectators de-

Knight makes hay as season fades away

BY IVO TENNANT

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (9pts) drew with Lancashire (11)

THE pitch, as much as Warwickshire's batting and a weariness exacerbated by the passing of summer, stymied Lancashire's chances of a rare championship victory yesterday. Nick Knight, by contrast, made his fourth first-class century of the season with a jauntiness that suggested he cannot wait for his winter tours to begin. Given his form of late for country as well as county, that is no surprise.

Warwickshire were 153 runs in arrears at the start of the last day, with all their secondpitch was taking some spin, but all too slowly to disconcert Knight, who is too rapacious a batsman ever to give his wicket away. He and Moles began with a stand of 166. That, plus an unbeaten half

century by Penney, the one individual to make 1,000 runs for Warwickshire this season. was sufficient to draw the match. Knight, who reached his century through an over-throw, faced, in all, 196 balls and hit 13 fours. This was his second championship century to go with one for England and another against Cambridge University.

Warwickshire, then, finished the season in eighth

place and with £6,000, which was rather less booty than they would have expected when they were annihilating

Sussex in their first championship match of the season. How swiftly everything changes. Dermot Reeve, captain and century-maker on that occasion, before being forced into early retirement by injury, has some critical things to say about the county in his forth-coming autobiography. He is

a front-runner for the position

of coach at Somerset. Warwickshire have no post for him and nor, now, are they likely to be inclined to try to find one. One player they are interested in taking on, more so, apparently, than Nick Speak of Lancashire, is David Hemp, the 25-year-old Glamorgan batsman who has yet to sign a new contract. He is good enough to have been on an England A tour.

It is hard to envisage Warwickshire not challenging for the championship next sea-son, when Allan Donald returns. For Lancashire, who have to placate their members at a special forum next week, a crystal ball is required. They did not bowl badly yesterday. Yet the difference Wasim Akram, the captain of Pakistan, makes is all too apparent fourth last year, fourth from bottom this. At least he will be back next summer.

ability to stay clear of injury has helped them and, said Stewart, "underlined what a good bowler he could have been". Indeed, and how sad those words sound. Whether Julian returns as the overseas professional next year lies in the hands of the Australia selectors, Stewart

said he was "high on the list" of candidates after a summer considerable personal achievement but, with Australia playing a Test series against West Indies and South Africa before coming to England, they will be stretched this winter as never before. and will need all hands on

Julian has demonstrated his batting ability on several important occasions this season. Yesterday, after the top order collapsed in the morning session, he helped Bicknell to add 141 in 29 overs for the eighth wicket, a Surrey record against Worcestershire. He struck the ball cleanly enough to make 80 from 86 balls, with 15 fours and a six until. looking for six more, he drove Solanki to long-on, where Spiring held a catch on the

Solanki, bowling what Harry Pilling used to call "flighted filth", took the final two wickets as Ben Hollioake and Benjamin sought big hits towards the shorter mid-wicker boundary. Bicknell remained defiant to the end and left the field a happy man. There were handshakes all round on a crisp afternoon as cricket finally surrendered to autumn.

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Bicknell's defiance tempers defeat for Surrey

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Two-tier system advanced to cure England ills

THERE is a hidden agenda to the meeting tomorrow at Lord's, during which the Test and County Cricker Board (TCCB) will be asked to vote itself out of existence. The racitly-acknowledged priority of the delegates concerns reraining the power to dictate the type and amount of cricket played during an English season. Increasingly, it con-cerns the prospect of a two-tier county championship.

In itself, the establishment of an English Cricket Board (ECB) to replace the TCCB forms no immediate threat to the dinosaurs who continue to reject this development. The initial aim of the ECB is to incorporate the fragmented administrations of the various levels of the game under one, user-friendly umbrella. It is mainly a matter of constituand communication, which is why the man in the street will glaze over with disinterest.

In time, however, there will be more to it. The ECB, after all, states in its manifesto, on which the counties must vote tomorrow, that it aims "to ensure the achievement of the highest standards of playing excellence throughout the game and to attain success at all levels of international competition". In other words, to make our game stronger, to promote our Test cricket above the second-rate.

It seems entirely possible that the 14 vote-carrying individuals on the management board, the main plank of the ECB working party proposals, will agree by consensus that a viable way of achieving this worthy intention is to divide the championship, creating more sustained competition and encouraging all to aspire

The counties have not been complacent about this potential threat to rights over their own destinies. This is why there will be a subsidiary level to the ECB, a First-Class Forum (FCF), on which each county is represented. The management board cannot, so it is proposed, impose any highest figures forming a sec-

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changes to the domestic cricket structure without approval from the FCF, which seems like asking the Cabinet to defer to the Upton Snodsbury Conservative Association before making a state decision.

If the entire ECB prospectus is accepted by the TCCB tomorrow, however, such changes will in future require only a simple majority of support from the counties. rather than the two-thirds majority previously required in some instances. With a discernible shift towards the logic of two divisions — just as, five years ago, there was an erosion of opposition to the now unquestioned vision of four-day cricket — this gives a ray of hope.

So, perhaps, as the 1996 season ends, it is an opportune moment to assess how a twotier system might be achieved and who would be playing where. It will not happen before 1998 and it would be unfair to draw up divisions on an isolated season; my suggestion, therefore, is that positions should be gauged by performances over five years. dating back to Durham's entry to an 18-team champion-

ship in 1992. By adding up the finishing positions of each county over this period, a split can equitably be achieved, those with the ond division, the lowest in the first. It is no more a pleasure than a surprise to report that Durham, with 87 out of a possibly calamitous 90, take bottom place. Hampshire, totalling 68, are one off the

The tables present some stark facts about Lancashire and Yorkshire, who would both start off in the second division despite the improved performance of the latter this year. Derbyshire would also need to seek promotion, a process that would work best with a three-up, three-down system that guaranteed cricker with a purpose from the first game to last and insured against the alienation of the strugglers,

Four of the six Test-staging clubs would begin in the first division under my system, though if Nottinghamshire have one more season such as this one they would be for the drop. Essex and Warwickshire are near the top, but for those who regard Leicestershire winning the championship as the equivalent of a selling-plater winning the

Derby, there is enlightenment. Leicestershire have not finished out of the top half in any of the past five years and their combined total of 27 makes them the joint most successful club in the country in tables reading like this:

FIRST DIVISION: Leicestershire, Middlesex, Essex, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Surrey, Kent, Nottinghamshire. Somerset SECOND DIVISION: Sussex. Worcestershire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire, Glamorgan, Hampshire, Durham.

To me, and to many others with the future strength of English cricket at heart, this seems a good time to begin. But the sadness of our game, and its perpetually muddled administration, is that if and when the example of other sports is finally followed and a two-tier system embraced, the divisions will be different.

Aiming to make the most of Eastern promise

Emma Levine watches

Hong Kong's attempts to spread cricket's

gospel to the Chinese

Typhoon Willy did its best to disrupt the fifth Hong Kong Interna-tional Cricket Sixes at the weekend, with sporadic showers on the first day causing an estimated \$11Kl million (£80,000) in lost revenue. Yesterday, though, the sun shone on the Hong Kong stadium and a crowd of 8,000 saw West Indies lift the trophy after heating India by eight runs in the final.

The purists may sneer, but this tournament is crucial to the status and development of cricket in the Far East, its sponsorship and prestige making vital contributions to the Hong Kong Cricket Association (HKCA).

This is the first year that the International Cricket Council has given its blessing to the event yet, ironically, it precedes an era of uncertainty as, in nine months' time, Hong Kong hands over the reins to China, a country not renowned for its love of cricket.

The game in the territory has, like its southeast Asian neighbours in Singapore and Malaysia, been dominated by its expatriate population, which is mainly English. Indi-an and Pakistani. After 1997, the departure of many foreign workers will create a vacuum

in the playing population. Now there is a last-ditch attempt to fill the gap before British rule ends. The joint efforts of the Urban Council, the Sports Development Board and the HKCA, are beginning to produce results among the local Chinese

Lal Jayasinghe, the HKCA coach, has taken the game into Chinese schools to develop it at grassroots level with new staff recruited specifically for this purpose. Hong Kong believes that this is the only way that cricket can be guaranteed to continue after next



year. The progress seen by Jayasinghe over the past four years is outstanding and, quite apart from those who have made the junior team, he has received an enthusiastic response from all boys. He finds that Chinese boys have natural agility and speed which makes them fitter than the average English or Indian

Peter Slack, chairman of the HKCA. agrees that, in order to gain the interest of Chinese schoolboys, cricket has to offer more than other sports in terms of money and glamour. The key is, as everyone agrees, to make cricket fast and appealing, and convince the boys that, even with limited space, time and facilities, anything is possible.

Like the best corporate gimmick, if cricket is to be "sold" to the local indigenous population, it has to be packaged correctly. Explosive variations of the game. like the sixes here and the eights in Singapore, are an ideal way to appeal to a

new breed of spectator. The atmosphere of the six-es, played and watched in a carnival spirit, should ensure that more of the local Chinese

population will try to take up

the game.

The Beijing Sixes next month are the next stage in Hong Kong's attempt to convert mainland Chinese. The People's Liberation Army are participating for the first time and the students at Beljing University are already playing cricket at a fair level.

With a population of 1.2 billion, it is certainly not unreasonable to expect China, in the not-too-distant future, to produce a team of international standard.

BASKETBALL

Bett's new Tigers are looking the part

By Nicholas Harling

SOME clubs have the financial clout to send their coaches on recruitment drives to the United States every closeseason. Others, like Thames Valley Tigers, have to rely on word of mouth, which is why a sixth sense often comes in

Mick Bett, the Tigers' couch. does not need reminding of last season, when Cory Cole and Sean Foote barely came up to expectations. But, on early evidence, he may have done better this time around. "It's a case of ringing around, talking to people and looking at statistics," he said after the Tigers had condemned Worthing Bears to joint bottom of the Budweiser League with a 91-S4 win at Bracknell on Saturday.

The scoring leats of Waymon Boone, who was with Chester Jets last season, were well-enough known to Ben, but of Kevin Vulin and Casey Arena he knew little. "Kevin's still learning the game." he said. "He is an academic all-American who is very smart. He wasn't sure he wanted another year playing basketball, but he is giving it a go and he is playing well."

Likewise, Arena, whose 19 points, including four threepointers, laid the foundations for Thames Valley's success." saw the video of Casey after I had signed him." Bett admitted. "But I had a gut feeling about him.

Like Worthing, newly-pro-moted Crystal Palace and Hemel and Warford Royals are without wins after losing for the third time. Palace lost Adrian Cummings with a badly-gashed head during the 79-65 defeat at Leicester, for whom Gene Waldron hit 31 points, while the Royals. inspite of 30 points from Ray Schultz, succumbed 110-104 to Derby Storm.

The top marksman of the day was Boyce Winters, whose 36 points helped Sheffield Sharks to a 92-85 overtime victory at Birmingham Bullets.

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county championship

Derbyshire v Durham DERBY (third day of low) Darbyshire (22pts) beat Durham (4) by eight wickels DURHAM: First trinings 142 (P A J DeFreitas 5 for 60)

Second Innoces P D Collingwood c Krikken b M †D G. C Ligertwood c krikken

D M Cox c krikken b DeFreilas 91 Extras (lb 4, w 2) ...

FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-72, 3-73, 4-138, 5-138, 6-219, 7-270, 8-385, 9-299

BOWLING Malcolm 29-2-141-3, De-Fretas 20 2-3-54-4, Wells 15-5-40-0, Harris 23-7-80-1 Dean 8-4-13-1 DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 256 (C J Adams 81, D M Jones 77, M M Berts

Second innings h. J. Barnett & Collingwood b Brown A S Rollins not out ... C J. Adams & Ligenwood b Cox *D M Jones not out Extras (b.4, lb.6, nb.2) Total (2 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-104 BOWUNG Brown 9-1-51-1, Belts 9-1 54-0, Walker 9-2-31-0, Saggers 5-1 19-0, Cax 14 3-2-55-1

Essex v Glamorgan CHELMSFORD (finel day of lour) Glamorgan (24pts) beat Essex (6) by seven wickets ESSEX: First innings 367 (G A Gooch 170, N Hussam 66, S G Law 66, A Dale 4 for 52, S L Watton 4 for 64)

Umpres: J C Baiderstone and J H

Second Innings P J Prichard c and b Croft A P Grayson ibw b Wallun N Hussain c Croft b Cost ar S G Law c Hemp b Cosker G A Gooch c Dale b Cosker R C Irani b Dale

†FI J Rollins b Croft M C lioti c Parkin b Cosker . A P Cowan c Hemp b Croft S J W Andrew not out Extras (b 2, fb 2, fb 2) Total (9 wkts dec) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-110, 3-112, 4-158, 5-163, 6-202, 7-256, 8-268, 9-269 BOWUNG Werkin 10-2-39-1; Parkin 3-0-30-0; Dale 10-2-51-1, Croit 23-5-79-3, Cosker 19 4-4-68-4

GLAMORGAN: First invings rd c Prichard b liott ... 122 tA D Shaw c Law b Such

Total (6 wktu dec, 88 overs)253 D A Cosker, S L Watton and O T Parlon did not but

FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-24, 3-246, 4-260, 5-305, 6-318 BOWLING: Ilon 19-4-68-1, Cowan 20-4-56-2: Irani 7-0-47-0; Andrew 7-2-19-0; Such 11-0-60-1, Law 18-2-69-1, Gray-son 6-1-21-1

Second innings S P James c Rollins b Law ... H Morts b Law D L Hemp not out M P Maynard c Cowen b Such . Total (3 wids) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-199, 2-254, 3-275

BOWLING, light 7-2-17-0, Cowsrr 4-1-19-0, Irani 5-0-21-0, Such 20-0-87-1, Grayson 14-1-52-0, Law 13 3-0-81-2 Umpues, J W Holder and R Julian Gloucestershire v Kent BRISTOL (third day of four). Gloucester-shire (21pis) best Kent (4) by ten wickets

KENT: First Immgs 154 (T R Ward 96; C A Waish 4 for 50) Second innings M V Fleming b Smith . . . M J Walter low b Walsh . . . *†S A Warsh b Smith M M Patel b Walsh ... D W Headley not out Extras to 1, ib 2, w 2, nb 8} 13

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-28, 3-44, 4-44, 5-46, 6-65, 7-85, 8-106, 9-111 BOWLING: Watch 15-6-21-4, Smith 15-2-43-8; Alleyne 8-2-19-1, Symonds GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Inninos 241

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Second irrnings

Total (no wid) . BOWLING Llong 2-0-10-0, Pleming 1-0-4-0; Ward 2-0-14-0; Patel 1 2-1-5-0 Hampshire v

Umpres D J Constant and T E Jesty. Nottinghamshire

SOUTHAMPTON (Innel day of lour) Hampshire (Bots) drew with Nat-linghamshire (B) HAMPSHIRE: First liverings 513 for 4 dec (R A Smith 161, W S Nendall 103 not out. J S Laney 97, G W White 73)

Second Innings G W White c Johnson b Johnson J S Laney low b Archer P A Whiteker c Noon b Franks P A Wintaker c Noon b Franke W S Kendall c Noon b Archer S D Udal Ibw b Arche †A N Aymes not out *IT A Smith not out

Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 6) Total (5 wids dec) . .181 FALL OF WICKETS 1-35, 2-52, 3-102, 4-116, 5-124. BOWLING, Bowen 4-0-17-0; Franks 13-5-37-1, Archer 11-3-18-3, Johnson 12-2-51-1; Downson 7-4-8-0, Tolley 4-0-

Noon 4-1-22-0. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings L'Alzaal not out . C'L'Caims not out

.391 Total (4 wids dec., 100 overs) _ C.M. Tolley, tW.M. Noon, M.N. Bowen, P.J. Franks and J.A. Afford did not ball. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-29, 2-174, 3-165, 4-342. BOWLING: Bowl 9-2-25-2; Renshaw 17-5-78-0; Botham 5-1-26-0; Udal 13-2-50-0; Maru 20-5-46-0; Nendell 13-1-45-2; Laney 10-2-49-0; Whitaker 11-2-55-0; White 2-1-4-0

Second innings M P Dowman Ibw b Maru TW M Naon not out
P Johnson not out Extras (fb 3, w 1)

152 Total (5 wide) FALL OF WICKETS 1-29, 2-63, 3-98, 4-109, 5-132 BOWLING: Bowlf 3-2-2-0, Udal 30-6-93-3; Maru 20-8-38-2: Renahaw 7-4-Umpires G I Burgess and V A Holder

Leicestershire v Middlesex LEICESTER (final day of four) Leicester-stwe (24pts) beet Middleses (4) by an MIDDLESEX; First Innings 190 (M R Ramprakash 71, A D Mullatly 4 (or 53)

Second Innings P N Weekes c Whitaker b Multally E Wellings low b Simmons M.R. Ramprakash b Pierson .
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IK P Brown low b Millins
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R L Johnson b Millins
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-106, 3-150, 4-182, 5-190, 6-208, 7-225, 8-231, 9-231 BOWLING: Mibrs 18.3-6-48-4. Mullelly 14-5-40-3; Parsons 8-3-15-0. Pierson 23-4-83-2; Wells 2-1-7-0; Simmons 12-2-45-1

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings V J Wells c Brown b Fay
D L Maddy low b Fay
B F Smith low b Johnson ...
J J Whalaer ht worker b Tulmell
A Habib c Brown b Johnson ... P V Semmons not out IP A Naxon c Brown b Fraser D J Milins to Fay . G J Parsons to Weekes A R K Pierson c Brown b Fay A D Multarly b Frager Extras (b 16, to 25, w 2, nb 14) Total

Score et 120 overs, 486-9

THE WEEKEND'S SCOREBOARDS BOWLING: Fraser 31.5-5-119-2, Fay 34-5-140-4; Turnell 26-4-89-1, Johnson 26-3-113-2, Weekes 5-1-10-1.

> Umpires B Leadbeater and P Willen Northamptonshire v Yorkshire

NORTHAMPTON (final day of lour) Northamplonshire (6pts) clewwith York shire (11) YORKSHIRE: First Innings 478 (M F Vaughan 183, C White 66, M D Moxor 57, A L Penberthy 5 for 92) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Blakey b Grough 10
M B Loye low b Hamilton 29
*R J Balley c Blakey b Savenwood 28
F. M Curran c Gough b Stemp 46
T C Walton b Silvenwood 6
A L Pentierthy c Byas b Gough 6
K J Innes c Wille b Stemp 2

T M R B Salley c Kertibopen ch tT M B Balley c Kettleborough

J E Emburey tow b White J P Taylor c McGrath b Stemp J F Brown not out . Extras (b 9, lb 7, nb 24) Total (75.2 overs) . 222 FALL OF WICKETS 1-50, 2-54 3-140, 4-149, 5-154, 6-159, 7-166, 8-167, 9-222

BOWLING: Gough 22-5-62-3, Siverwood 17-1-61-2, Hamiton 17-4-33-1; Sternp 16:2-3-49-3; White 3-2-1-1 Second Innings R R Montgomene c Silvenwood b Gough M B Loye c Blyas b Gough -R J Balley not out. K M Curran c Kettleborough b Vaughan

T C Watton c White b Vaughan

A L Penberthy not out

Edras (b 5, lb 11, rib 33) . . . Total /4 wids) .531 FALL OF WICKETS 1-372, 2-375, 3-436, 4-526 BOWLING White 20:2-102-0, Saver-wood 12-1-48-0; Hamilton 26-4-82-0, Gough 13-2-2-2, Stermp 25-7-51-0. Vaugham 32-1-147-2; Kettleborough 2-0-14-0; McGrath 6-0-29-0

Sarrey v Worcestershire THE OVAL (timal day of four): Worcester-shire (20g(s) beat Surrey (4) by 124 runs **WORCESTERSHIRE:** First Innings

Umpres. B Dudieston and A G 7

W P C Weston b Benjamin G A Hick c M P Bicknell b Julian "T M Moody b M P Bicknell K R Spiring c Butcher b B C Holiceles 83 V S Solaniv Ibw b Benjaman 90 D A Leatherdale c Stewart b B C Hoboake

tS J Rhodes c B C Holicake b A J Holicake S R Lampit c A J Holloake Extres (lb 9, nb 26) Total (106 overs)

352 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-32, 3-32, 4-134, 5-218, 6-226, 7-246, 8-290, BOWLING, M P Bicknell 29-9-75-2 Benjamin 26-5-76-3, Julian 18-5-72-1 A J Holloake 15-3-52-1, B C Holloake

Second Innings tS J Rhodes to M P Bicinell T S Curlis not out Estras (b 1, b 6, nb 4) Total (1 witt dec) FALL OF WICKET 1-8 BOWLING M P Bicknell 3-1-5-1 B C Hollicale 3-1-11-0 Shahd 11-5-11-0, D J Bicknell 6-2-7-0, Brown 6-2-8-0, Thorpe 2-0-12-0

SURREY: First Innings lorleted Second Immigs D J Bicknell not out

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M.A. Butcher c. Rhodes b. Moody
M.P. Bicknell b. Thomas
"(A.J. Stewart they b. Moody
G.P. Thompe c. Moody b. Lampit
N. Shahid flow b. Lampit
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A.J. Holboake c. Leatherdale
b. Tillingworth
A.D. Brown b. Ringworth
B.P. Julian c. Spering b. Solania
B.C. Hollicelke c. Illingworth b. Solania
J.E. Bonipmin c. Lampat b. Solania
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BOWAING Moody 21-6-56-2. Thomas 15-3-67-1, Wingworth 27-9-78-2. Lampit 14-1-60-2. Solanto 7 1-0-31-3 Umpires Ik E Paimer and G Sharp. Sussex v Somerset

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-40, 3-45, 4-79, 5-81, 6-98, 7-108, 8-249, 9-268

HOVE (third day of four) Somerset (24pts) beat Susset (4) by eight wickets Second Innings

C W J Athey c Turner b Shine . R K Reo c end b Trump "A P Wells b Cottam Greenheld c Harden b Caddick C Drakes Ibw b Caddick Moores b Trump D K Salisbury c Turner b Trump R Law low b Capdick N C Phillips not out R J Kirlley Ibw b Caddick

Entras (lb 4, w 4, nb 22)

Total FALL OF WICKETS 1-102, 2-143, 3-144, 4-193, 5-193, 6-198, 7-204, 6-253, 9-269 80WLING Caddick 31-8-122-5 Shine 3.2-0-16-1; Corlam 33-11-60-1. Trump 13-6-43-3. Lee 8-4-25-0 SOMERSET: First Innings 354 (S Lee 126, R J Harden 78, M N Lathwell 56, I D K Salisbury 5 for 91)

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M E Trescoltnick c Athey b Kintley
*P D Bowler (bw b Kintley
R J Harden not out. Extras ID 5, ID 1)

Total (2 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS, 1-21, 2-23. BOWLING Nation 5-2-31-2 Salisbury Umpires, J.H. Hampshire and J.D. Bond

Warwickshire v Lancashire

EDGBASTON (final day of four) Warnickshire (Spts) drew with Lan-cashire (11) WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 386 (A.I. Gries 106 not out. N M F. Smith 74 M Burns 61, G Chapple 4 for 85) Second Innings

N V Knight c and b Green & J Moles b Green A J Moles b Green
W G Khan c Hegg b Yates .
tM Burns lbw b Chapple ..
T L Penney not out
D R Brown c Yates b Keedy
I J Piper st Hegg b Uoyd
N M K Smith not out Extras (to 11, w 1, rtb 4) ...

.359 Total (6 wkts) FALL OF WICHETS 1-166, 2-179 3-229, 4-231, 5-311 6-355 BOWLING Chapple 21-2-50-1 Green 16-2-52-2 Yales 28-6-104-1, keedy 28-7-93-1: Titchard 9-2-27-0, Gallian 2-0-18-0 Doyd 2-0-4-1

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"J P Crawley b Smith
N H Fairbrother st Burns b Giles
G D Lloyd b Welch
P C Melanows o Welch b Munico t W h Hegg c Kright b Smith G Chappie b Giles G Yales c Panney b Smith R J Green low b Giles Extras (b 34, fb 15, w 2 nb 16)

Score at 120 overs 520-5 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-143, 3-143, 4-373, 5-505, 6-548, 7-574, 8-581, BOWUNG Munton 29-6-92-2, Welch 17-2-93-1; Giles 48 4-13-165-4 Brown 20-0-106-0; Smith 32-10-92-3

Umpires: N.T. Plews and A.Clarkson Second Test match Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (fourth day of five) Sr. Lanka

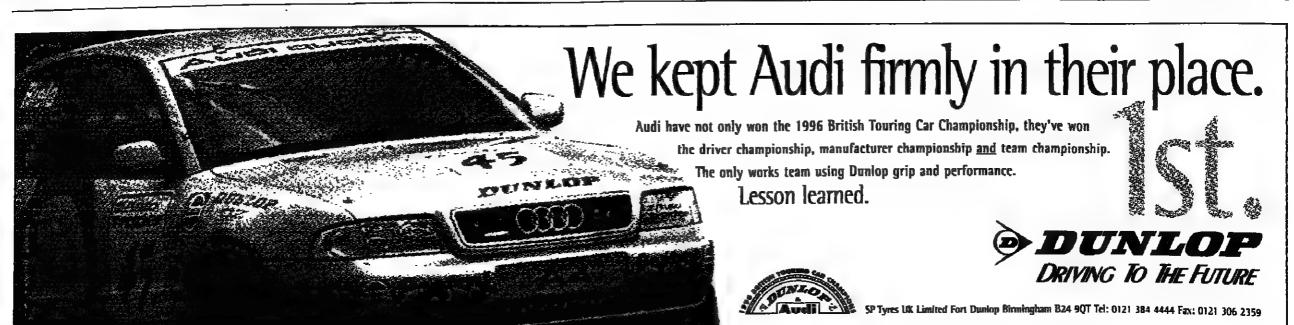
ZIMBABWE: First linnings 141 (G W Flower 52 M Murakiharan 4 for 40, k J Silva 4 for 16) Second Innings G W Flower Ibw to Silva M H Del-ker Ibw to Vaas A Shahic Vaas bi Pushpakuman *A DiR Campbellic sub bi Silva †A Flower c Gurusinha bi Muralifharan

C B Wishart o Faluwitherana b Jayasuriya G J Whittall o Gurusanha b Jayas A R Whittall b Murakiharan P A Streng c and b Vaas B C Strang b Muralitharan H k Olonga nol ou! Extras (b.2, lb.6, w.1, nb.17) . Total

FALL OF WICKETS 1-9 2-30, 3-34, 4-91, 5-135, 6-144, 7-167 8-193 9-201 BOWLING Vaas 26.3-11-34-2 Push-pakumara 8-0-24-1 Murakiharan 41-9-94-3, Silva 26-7-49-2 de Silva 5-1-10-0, Jayasumya 7-3-16-2, SRI LANKA: First Immings 350 for 8 dec (H P Tillekeratne 126 not out, A P Gurusinha 88. P A Strang 4 for 66)

Second innings S.T. Jayasunya nol out R.S. Mahanama nol out BOWLING Olonga 34-0-17-0. P A

Umpires C Mitchley (South Africa) and F T Francis (Sri Lanka)



SAILING: CONCERT CREW IN PERFECT HARMONY FOR TESTS AHEAD IN BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Duncan steers path to great adventure

a crew's countdown to the start of their

round the world race

ucy Duncan is at the wheel of Concert, a d 67-foot BT Global Chalienge cutter that will take her and 13 other paying volunteers around the world the hard way - against the prevailing winds and currents. It is the eastern Solent on a lovely breezy day for sailing.

Duncan is concentrating hard on keeping the boat on course, barely taking her eye off the bow to answer the questions and jokes coming at her from left and right. "Try to keep her to the right of the Isle of Wight," Chris Tibbs, who will be her skipper for the marathon race, advises.

The bit of the island Tibbs is referring to is Egypt Point away to our left. Concert is under full main and yankee and plugging along sweetly at 8½ knots on a close reach in 15-16 knots of wind. In front of Duncan the champagne corks are flying as the the last corporate-hospitality guests on the boat before the start of the race next Sunday, down their first drinks of the



Global Challenge

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"I'm still learning so much really," Duncan said, a little self-consciously. "The actual steering is easy but I haven't really done it in heavy winds. It feels nice — I do like steering." She takes another look at the trees on the Point as the big wheel in her hands twitches this way and that. "It always seems to take a while to get into the groove each time you take over," she said.

Tibbs, who has the easygoing confidence of a man who has sailed in two Whitbread Round the World Races and has since done his time in boat deliveries and professional skippering. last year, had done virtually chimes in with another bit of no salling at all. Yet, just nine



Duncan gets the benefit of the vast experience of Tibbs, the skipper of Concert, as she learns more about the art of steering

morale-boosting mickey-taking of his most inexperienced crew member. He claims to have already begun bribing Duncan with "a fortune spent on fine wines and perfume" to ensure that her reports back to The Times during the race present him in a favourable

steering," he said. "We've frightened her so much, she concentrates like mad. If we say it's got to be 32 degrees off the apparent wind, she sticks to 32 degrees as if her life depended on it."

Nothing better illustrates the spirit of Chay Blyth's race. Here is a woman of 35 who, until she was belatedly selected for the race in December

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months later, she is preparing to leave her job as a midwife at High Wycombe General Hospital and take part in a gruelling test of stamina that will take her through the Southern Ocean and through experiences most of us could only dream of.

Her involvement is not totalout of character, however. Duncan is fit — she ran this year's London Marathon in 44 hours and is a keen netball player. But she also knows she has a long way to go to catch up with many of her crew mates, whose sailing has improved dramatically over two years of training in Blyth's

Down below over lunch, prepared by Mathew Fletcher and Brian Beaumont, the bowmen on Concert, she acknowl-

edges her greatest fear. "It's just that I'll let everyone down really - that's the one big thing - because I am the least experienced of everybody." she said. But she is learning fast and, according to Tibbs, she easily makes up what she does not yet know in hard work and

Initially, her chores on the boat will include servicing winches, maintaining the two 'heads" [lavatories] and doing her share of work in the galley. But she will also be fully involved in deck work and, like everyone else on board. will be expected to take the wheel from time to time. In between all of this she will also have to find time for her reports for The Times.

Concert, named after the Virginia-based American subsidiary of BT, appears to be a happy ship in a fleet where there are already rumours of discontented crews and one or two unpopular skippers. Tibbs wants to win, but he has put most of his effort, so far. into building his crew into a cohe-

There will be no easy boats this time," he said. "I feel very much as a skipper that I can lose the race by making bad navigational or routing decisions, but it's the crew who

have to go out and win it." Duncan is realistic when it comes to talk of winning. At present she has her hands full ust doing what she is told and is quite open in admitting that there is more to her life - even on a BT Global Challenge yacht - than crossing the tinishing line first.

"I want to win as much as anyone else," she said, "but it's not the main object as far as I am concerned. I hope that we all enjoy it. We have a pretty good crew as far as that goes iust in terms of getting on and examples from some of the other boats shows that that

is not always true." Tibbs, who brought the boat home in seventh place in the qualifying sail to the Fastnet Rock and back, seems to have got the crew-skipper relationship and the all-important morale aspect just about

One of the things you can hear all the time on this boat is an incredible amount of really happy boat and so far, we've had no inter-personnel conflicts or anything."

Big game gives rivals a run for their money

here, in the sporting programme this weekend, will you be able to find Leopards. Sharks, Bears, Tigers and Eagles? You should also be looking for Towers. Giants. Royals, Riders, Bullets, Jets, Storm and, rather boringly. Crystal Palace. Yes, it is the Budweiser League of basketball, one of the fastest-grow ing sport in the United Kingdom.

The emergence of basketball, from the sport you used to play in the school gym when it was too wet for football, to a leading spectator event. has occurred only in the past couple of years. It has overtaken ice hockey as the up-and-coming sport on the block. The growth led to some of the leading teams signing significant sponsorship deals, such as London Leopards tying up with Playboy TV.

And some quite heavy-hit-ting media and sports companies are getting involved. such as Newcastle United, Chrysalis, whose head, Chris Wright, also owns Queens Park Rangers and Wasps, and Allied Entertainments. which is part-owned by the rock promoter, Harvey Goldsmith. There has been a lot of television interest and the signing of players from the Birmingham Bullets boasting a new signing called Fabulous Flournoy and the Sheffield Sharks are not to be outdone with their new point guard, "Neon" Dion Haynes

Now, average teams such as Manchester Giants and Newcastle Eagles are com-manding crowds of upwards of 3.000 or 4.000 at home games. The bigger teams, such as London Towers or Sheffield Sharks, are already playing in venues such as Wembley Arena or the 9,000-seat Sheffield Arena.

A live televised game is being shown on BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, on Sundays, just after the Premiership football. And British teams are starting to meet some of their European counterparts on even

In the European Champions' League last year the Sharks came up against Real



Madrid in an early round and came close to upsetting the Spanish champions. This year the Budweiser champions. London Towers, opted for an easier run in the Cup Winners' Cup and the Sharks took

a Euro-sceptic attitude. The problem is that, in southern European countries. baskethali is essentially the major sport. In Athens, Panathinaikos's giant-killing football team often command a lower home gate than their sister basketball team. It will be a cold day in hell before that happens in Newcastle.

The wages the big European teams can pay dwarf what is on offer in the United Kingdom. The Budweiser League has a salary cap of £137.500 a year, which is about five minutes' work for Shaquille O'Neal. In Greece. an average squad player could earn £100,000 a year. twice what a similar player would get in the UK and he would be a first-choice team member in Britain. Players who have left the National Basketball Association championship can often get £2 million a year in Greece. Italy or Spain.

Yet the sport is building fast. It is being marketed heavily, as will be shown shortly when the London Leopards unveil their new publicity gimmick, a team made up of Playboy centrefolds. This year will be a crucial one for the Budweiser League, seeing whether it can make that breakthrough into the public imagination.

Live action will help. But the experience I had in a Florida bar during the footbail World Cup, when the barman turned off a game between Sweden and Romania so that we could see a Houston Rockets training session, is a long way off.

JASON NISSÉ

SPORTS LETTERS

Success hampers Arsenal

From Mr Plers Morris

Sir, These are difficult times at Arsenal Football Club. Through assumptions and arrogance the directors and shareholders of the club would appear, over a lengthy period, to have let down and public, the staff and players, British football, and above all the great name of Arsenal itself.

The problem lies in the mix of circumstances that afflict many football clubs. First, the owners of the club are largely also the directors of the club. This means that it is remarkably easy for management controls to break down the checks and balances required in decision-taking. Second, if you add to this the arrogance of many people in football ownership and management, which often leads to wrong assumptions about the way people think or react, you have created a formula for disaster. Arsenal's problems have

been caused by success, but just because you become successful does not mean you can afford to overlook the rigorous checks required daily in taking decisions.

George Graham's talents

were first allowed to slip away, followed by Stewart Houston. In addition, there was the farcical situation where the directors were forced to admit that Bruce Rioch's replacement as manager was not in place. We must all now wait and see how the French replacement, Arsène Wenger, will fare with a problematic board of directors and a public not fully appreciative yet of the merits

Arsenal well. Yours sincerely, PIERS MORRIS.

Gallic leadership at this functure. Difficult times now, but tougher times ahead. I wish

50 Richmond Park Road, Kingston-upon-Thames,

Giggs has proved his worth

From Mr Henry Self Sir, I must reply to Michael Henderson (report, September l6) who questioned Ryan Giggs's progress and worth to Manchester United. Henderson bemoans the fact that Giggs, on a salary of El million per year, appears to possess little, if any, foot-

balling prowess. Henderson seems oblivious to Giggs's contribution, con-sistently to the highest level, to United's achievements last season: he has even forgotten Giggs's performance for Wales against San Marino a formight earlier. It has been well documented that Giggs had suffered a major personal loss before the Juventus game - a possible explanation for a

Yours sincerely, HENRY SELF. 51 Forsyth House, Tachbrook Street, SWI. From Mr Milo Edwards Sir, Michael Henderson

loss of form.

Old Trafford after Manchester United's 41 win over Nottingham Forest ... betokens ignorance, or immaturity". This is breathtaking cheek.

The supporters I was amongst, and have met since. are under no illusions about the implications for United's status in Europe of a sizeable win against Forest; but if Henderson expects any football fans anywhere to watch a 4-1 victory without crowing over their opponents, he might be better off reporting on some more gentlemanly sport.

As for his assessment of Giggs, other experts take a different view and Henderson's opinions are worth arguing about. But to write that he "has a brain full of rocks" is the kind of intemperate insult I would expect to find in the

Yours sincerely, MILO EDWARDS. 15 Cranbourne Road. Chorlton, Manchester.

Blot on Lord's

From Mr Charles W. Steggell Sir, The Rev R.A. Mason (Sports Letters, September 14) highlighted a matter which will cause concern to many, the threat to the ambience of Lord's cricket ground from the proposed media centre. Such an edifice is patently inappropriate at so sensitive a

Is it conceivable that planning permission couldbe ob-tained for such an unsuitable development? Similar lack of sensitivity to environmental considerations and traditions resulted in our historic Hastings Central Cricket Ground - which dated back to 1864 and had hosted many famous players such as W. G. Grace, G. L. Jessop and Denis Compton - being wiped off the map

in the name of "progress". The turf which W. G. once described as "the best and truest in the country" has now been dug up and the site covered with a shopping centre. The previous unique quality of our town centre has been lost forever. Local - and

national — protests were to no avail. On this wider issue it is to be hoped that pressure from a majority of MCC members and cricket well-wishers throughout the world will ensure that Lord's is not disfigured by a gratuitous

Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. STEGGELL, 76 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea. East Sussex.

Stopping for tea

From Mr M. Diddams ship cricket match.

At Canterbury recently, due to various delays and interruptions in the first session. the "32 overs remaining" mark was not reached until 4.35, some 55 minutes later

The apparently inflexible rule, that adjustments to play-

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Age not the key

writes: "The triumphalism at

From Mr Christopher Clift Sir. Rob Hughes (Weekend View, September 7) discussed experience versus youth. I used to belong to a rugby referees' society in the North and was assured by a member of the hierarchy that, having passed 40. I should not expect

to progress up the ladder. I fully endorse Hughes's contention that it is the fitness

ing times and overs remaining

Sir, Dr Valerie Goldberg (Sports Letters, September 16) should consider herself lucky to reach the tea interval only 30 minutes late at a Britannic Assurance county champion-

than scheduled.

Yours etc.,

can only be made by extending the second session, is ridicu-lous, as it distorts the lengths of the three sessions. The middle session is invariably much longer then the other two and, of all the days I have attended this year, there has not been one where tea was taken when due.

This rule should be altered so that a certain number of overs have to be bowled before lunch can be taken. This will make no difference to the time play ends for the day, but at least it would make the three sessions roughly equal.

M. DIDDAMS, 21 Vincent Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

of the individual to perform which is important, not his age. How old was Lester Piggott when he rode his last ,race and what about the skill and finesse of Sir Stanley Matthews in his last matches? There are now many, sophisticated ways in which players and match officials can prove their fitness and it is

time that the governing bodies realised that levels of fitness are frequently maintained well beyond what used to be considered the "sell-by date". Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER CLIFT.

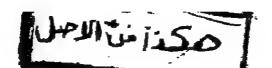
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Drink wisely

From Mr Bruce Cherry Sir. The Sunday papers were full of wise comment on the sad case of Tony Adams and his drinking problem. Then I turned to the results: FA Carling Premiership, Bell's Scorish League, Courage Rugby Union Chubs Champ-ionship. Were our sportsmen healthier when they played for the Milk or Coca-Cola cups? Yours faithfully, BRUCE CHERRY. 15a Westfield Road, W13.

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CHANGING TIMES



RACING: LAMBOURN TRAINER UNVEILS POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS AT HER OPEN DAY

Pitman puts faith in youth policy

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

JENNY PITMAN yesterday ushered in a new era by unveiling her potential Cheltenhan and Aintree champions for the nullennium - and thereby laid the ghosts which recently have threatened to undermine the Queen of Lambourn."

It is three years since Bill and Shirley Robins inflicted a devastating body blow by removing some of the best horses in Mrs Pitman's care notably Mighty Mogul - and so reduced the quality and quantity of jumpers at Weath-

ercock House. I said at the time it would take between two and four years to rebuild our team and I think we are now back to where we were." she said at

her open day, Of the 80 horses on show, half have had only one run in a bumper race or have never seen a racecourse. But she believes some have the raw talent which, come the next century, will enable them to match the achievements of stars of the 1990s.

Aptly enough, Garrison Savannah, who captured the 1991 Cheltenham Gold Cup, and Royal Athlete, last year's Grand National winner, completed the parade to underline the rewards which can flow from Mrs Pitman's patient strategy of giving horses time to develop their full potential. "It does not matter how rich you are. These horses have character who won twice last

taken us to places and given us experiences which money cannot buy. We buy young horses, not to win a race because that is not good enough, but to make them champions."

While the youth policy is aimed very much at the future. Mrs Pitman, her son, Mark, and David Stait will have around 35 front-line troops to fight for the big races this

campaign. Nahthen Lad, winner of the Sun Alliance Chase, could develop into Cheltenham Gold Cup material while

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ETTERBY PARK (2.30 Musselburgh) Next best: Castlerea Lad (4.45 Leicester)

Indefence, the Supreme Novice Hurdle victor, may be a realistic contender for the Champion Hurdle, one of the few championship races to elude Mrs Pitman.

However, several other horses received favourable mention. They include: Arithmetic A bit of a monkey" who has tremendous potential and will probably go chasing this season after hurdle successes at Newbury and Leicester last term.

☐ Cantori Frater: A reformed

year and has benefited from a spell of show jumping. "He has enormous scope and may handicapper.

Cherrymore: Has not seen a racecourse but worked last year as well as any of Mrs Pitman's bumper horses. A potentially exciting novice

☐ Chilled: Has done particularly well over the summer after finishing second in a decent Lingfield bumper. He will probably need 21/2 miles over hurdles.

☐ Jet Boys: Suffered from sore shins last year but has improved physically during the summer and is expected to make up for lost time this

Lord Regalbasa: High cruising speed and will be seen to best effect over 25 Princeful: Only ran once

last season but won by 12 lengths at Worcester. He has schooled particularly well and could be a Cheltenham horse, Silver Thyne: Known as the pocket rocket at home, won his only start in a bumper at Newton Abbot last year and is held in high regard.

☐ Tennessee Twist: A halfbrother to Royal Athlete and shows all the courage of the Grand Natonal winner. He won two of his four starts last season and will go novice



Pitman and her son, Mark, show off their stable talent at yesterday's open day

Need to minimise the risk factor for going reports

layers of Monopoly will recognise the angst when they are invited to take a "Chance". They would prefer to abstain, for they may be told: Go directly to Jail. Do not pass Go. Do not collect

For years, players of horses have involuntarily been drawing the "Chance" card. And they have been told: Go directly to Purgatory. Do not pass your Bookmaker. Do not entertain Hope. Betting has no purpose

without hope. Hope is when you have considered a race, taken note of the ponderables and arrived at your selection. The rest you must leave to "chance"; but the "chance" is only taken when the ponderables are in your favour.

You must be happy with the trainer, the jockey, the draw, the distance of the race, the type of race, the track's characteristics and the form of your horse. Above all, the ground must be right. If you back a horse on unsuitable ground you are condemning yourself: Go directly to Jail.

Over the last decade, huge advances have been made in the data available to punters. The depth of information is such that the element of chance has been minimised. In tandem with this, the Jockey Club has been researching a mechanism for producing accurate going reports. It is three years since the project's birth and the denouement arrived last week. It has come to nothing. We are back where we started: Go directly

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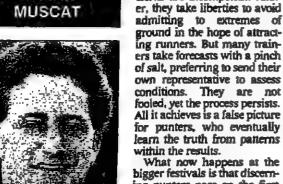


Racing Commentary

Punters have long recog-nised the absurdity of ground reports issued by clerks of the course. Some clerks inhabit a world where the ground always revolves around the word "good". After a deluge of Biblical proportions, it is good racing ground; after a drought, it is "good fast ground". In winter, when they are hock-deep in mud, we are told it is "good jumping

ground". At Newbury in May, Lord Carnaryon, the racecourse chairman, attributed the defeat of his filly, Arethusa, to the softened ground. Yet the official going was described as "good to firm". It would be comical were it not for the fact that punters sift a small for-tune through inaccurate going

clerks are incompetent. Rath-



ing punters pass on the first iew races in order to ass conditions for themselves. But the method is not foolproof, for clerks regularly deploy their watering systems overnight. It happened at the Guineas meeting and again at Doncas-ter for the St Leger, on both occasions prompting an outcry among punters.

An ill-affordable complacen-

cy governs the present approach and punters are quickly losing confidence. The Jockey Club's research into a going meter may have failed but there is emormous scope for improvement within existing procedures. Punters are not concerned with space-age probes that can detect miniscule temperature changes six feet underground.

All they ask is to be told the truth so that the element of "Chance" is minimised. This won't necessarily mean they will advance to Mayfair, but it would prevent them from advancing directly to Jail when it is they who have been

Queen joins Carson's well-wishers

GET-WELL message from the Queen has been sent to Willie Carson, the jockey recovering in hospital from a damaged liver. Her "best wishes" were delivered in a telephone messfrom Sir Robert Fellowes, her private secretary, to staff at Basingstoke's North Hampshire Hospital.

Carson, 53, was yesterday "out of immediate danger but remains in intensive care after receiving a kick in the stomach from a horse he was about to mount at Newbury on Friday.

riowers, cards and sages of support have flooded in from well-wishers, including one from the Queen, for whom Carson has ridden many winners, notably Dunfermline in the 1977 Oaks and St Leger.

Carson's consultant, Mr Myridin Rees, yesterday had not ruled out the possibility of surgery later to remove part of the jockey's So far, visits have been

limited to family and close friends but Carson could move to a general ward today. He will remain in hospital for two weeks but he is expected to make a full recovery and be fit to return to riding within three months. However, with the Flat turf season finishing in early November, he will almost certainly spend part of the winter break contemplating his future.

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Oscar Schindler has Melbourne on list

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

T WAS a case of out with the old and in with the new at Saturday's Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger at the Curragh. The 1993 and 94 Irish St Leger winner, Vintage Crop, made his last racecourse appearance at the head of the race parade and Oscar Schindler took over the old horse's mantle when routing the opposition in Ireland's

final classic of the season. Vintage Crop will spend his retirement as a tourist attraction at the Irish National Stud but, in contrast, Oscar reaching his peak. "He is such a big borse, 17 hands, that I think he is still getting better as he grows into his frame." Kevin Prendergast, his trainer, said.

The jockey Stephen Craine, born in the Isle of Man, was landing his first Irish group one success and never had a moment's worry once Oscar Schindler loomed up on the outside of the favourite, Key

Change, in the straight.
The Yorkshire Oaks winner held on for second, ahead of the British pair, Sacrament and Posidonas, who engaged in their own battle for much of

The immediate post-race plan was to aim Oscar Schindler at the Prix de l'Arc Triomphe, but the Leger could yet again become a staging post to the Melbourne Cup, a route well worn by Vintage Crop in the last three years. Prendergast considers Os-car Schindler to be well handlcapped for the Australian showpiece and is keen to travel. "I will discuss it with his owner. Ollie Lehane, over the next few days," Prendergast said.

Michael Stoute was pleased with Sacrament's third place. "It got a little tight with Posidonas but he ran on again and I was pleased with that," the Newmarket trainer said.

Aidan O'Brien gained his first group one Flat victory when Desert King won the Aga Khan's Studs National Stakes under Walter Swindum. The Geom Lewistrained Referendum was best of the four British juveniles. leading for most of the sevenfurlong trip until headed by Desert King in the last strides.

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(2-Y-O: £3,589: 5f 218yd) (8 runners) | 201 | 27 | 2010 STYSSAN 12 (7) (A Modulus | B Hills 8-7 | J D Smill (5) | 302 | (5) | 5212 GROVEFAR DANCER 79 (7,8) (Giborts Animal Faed) Mass S Witten 9-7 8 Wittenards | 503 | (6) | 362365 DANCHILL PREMICESS 7 (J Graham) R Hollechead 9-4 | F. Lynch (8) | 304 | (6) | 305 ROCKARDUNDTHE CLOCK 108 (Finish Cranner Perturar) P Evers 8-13 J F. Egan 305 | (1) | (324 | XEDI WATERS 14 | A Broote Rankin) J Amold 8-11 | C. Retter 2010 | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |

BETTING: 3-1 Danahili Princess 4-1 Keen Waters, 9-2 Grovelyir Dencer, 5-1 Rockeroundtheclock, 6-1 Breitra, 7 Shygem, 8-1 others 1985: WARMING TRENDS 9-0 & Dulffeld (10-1) M Prescott 21 ray

FORM FOCUS

STYSIAM best Research Will in a 5-death account of Polactone (56, pood to firm). BROVEFAIR DANCER 1941 and 68 to Thistoplet in a settler at Wolverhampton (71, AW). DANCEALL PRINCESS 5941 5th of 13 to Heavenly Mics in a nursery of Nobington (61, pood to firm) with BREFIN C 441 7th and DANCEAL STAR When all less ROCK-

ARDUNDTHECLOCK 7141 5th of 8 to Pandiculath in a master) at Haydock (61, good). KEEN WATEF 3141 4th of 12 to Lowing And Greeny in a mast auction at Bant (52, good to larm). KICULLEN LF bast Engire To Pisser neck in a 4-runner safer Lingfield (61, 61m). Selection: STYGIAN (insp.)

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1995: MILL DANGER 8-6 K Fallon (6-1) E Akston 17 mm

FORM FOCUS

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4.15 CHARNWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (E3,333. 5f 218yd) (19 runners)



1995: ANZIO 4-8-10 T has (10-1) & Page 19 ran FORM FOCUS

INVER TITLY has Moretal 2 in 13-never manuscripts and head 3rd of 15 to Ashigamary in apprentice handless at Window (64, good to mim). MISTER RAIDER neck and head 3rd of 15 to Ashigamary in apprentice handless at Windows (64, good to mim). VAX MEW LADY 3'41 4th of 5 to Sweepyr in race at Mothagham (51 good to Parti) in penalthrade start. TAFAFHIS 51 7th of 13 to Palescaped Fouch in champe at Sandown 151 good to him). The Ashigam (51 good) with 3 to Palescaped Fouch in champes at Sandown 151 good to him). The Ashigam (51 good) with 500 MASTER (4th better off) 4'51 14th NAUGHTY FTOL 3'41 better off) 4'51 14th NAUGHTY FTOL 3'41 better off) 3'51 7th NAUGHTY PISTOL 3'41 Selection TAFAHHALS

4.45 LIGHTNING HANDICAP (£3,828: 51 2yd) (8 runners)



1995: FOLLOWN/RCIRLS 6-7-8 A Garth (20-1) Mrs A King 23 nm FORM FOCUS Chail in Stockword terrificap (6), good) with BAN (1)b worse oil) 2/ 15th BARRANIAR best Men 254 is 13-times Room makken (5), good), He BERT first 8th of 9 to John O'Dreams in Newto-landicap (5), good to firm) permishratio st SOUPERFEISAL 341 6th of 18 to Certan Git Notinghem handicap (5), good to imm) Selection: "BCEA

PALACEGATE JACK 21/51 3rd of 13 to Palacegate Touch at Sandtown claimer (5), good to first) BAYIN 51 7th of 14 to Lough Eine in Nothingham handicac (6), good to sol) perultimate start. SHARP PEARL 2VI 3th of it is handicac in futb handicac (5) first JUCEA 3VI 4th of 16 to Longwick Lad in Bath handicacy (5) fiftyd, good to firmt CASTLEREA LAD 3VI 10th of 21 to Claim

SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 19 winners from 77 TRAINERS: H Cect. 19 winners from 77 runners, 24 7%; S Bowring, 5 from 32, 15 6%, M Ryan, 14 from 95, 14 7%; B Paling, 7 from 54, 13 0%, J Glover, 4 from 37, 10 8%, Mrs. N Macauley, 7 from 70, 10 0%.

JOCKEYS: Dane O'Net, 5 winners from 31 notes, 16 1%; F Lynch, 3 from 20, 15 0%; S Sanders, 4 from 33, 12,1%; T Sprake, B from 72, 11,1%; G Carter, 14 from 130, 10,8%, C Ruser, 8 from 75, 10 7%, K Fallon, 7 from 68, 10 3%.



RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Carlisle

Wolverhampton

7,00 1, Mystic Quest (14-1); 2. Ferny Hill (10-11 fev); 3, As Friendly (7-1) 12 ran.

7.30 1, Basoutoffheblue (5-2 fev): 2, Arcacly (9-2): 3, Supermodel [11-1] 10 ran. Infl. What July Wares

8,00 1. Red Admiral (12-1), 2. imposing Time (4-1 tav), 3, Shontaine (10-1) 13 ran

8.30 1. Glow Forum (6-4 lav); 2. All On (14-1), 3. Sommersby (11-2), 12 ran.

9.00 1, Contravene (7-2); 2. Triserbell (9-4), 3, Mujadii Express (12-1) Run Lucy Run 15-8 tav 7 ran

9.30 1, Tee Party (9-2); 2, What A Fuss (11-2) 3, Angue McCoetup (11-2). Ram 7-2 law 12 sen. NR. Time Ol Night.

1 40 1, Sujud (Evers fair), 2, Theien (14-1); 3 Million Dancer (9-4), 8 ran

2.15 1, To Be The Best (6-1); 2, Cardon (1-2 (av); 3. Boethius (12-1), 4 ran.

2.50 1. Shebrani (4-8 lan), 2. Gone By (5-4), 2 ran

(3-4), 2 ram 3.25). The Blue Boy (2-1); 2, Rushbaloo (4-6 (av), 3, Upwall (33-1); 5 ram, 3.56 1, Bolarrey Girl (4-1); 2, Stags Fell (33-1); 3, Souson (10-1); Buglet 2-1 (av. 8 ram, NR Arnorak.

4.30 1, German Legend (9-1); 2, Cuchuteins Gold (10-11 tex); 3, Buyers Dream (7-4) 5 ran.

5.05 1. Durald (1-2 lav); 2, Stout Warner (8-1); 3. Henpecked (5-1) 12 ran NR Red 1cl

Ayr Going: good to lirm firm in places 1.55 (1m) 1, Double Right IJ Weaver, 2-5 (ev), 2 Lawn Lothario (16-1), 3, Jackson Falls (3-1) 4 (en 2, 1, 3) M Johnston Tote £1 50 DF £4 30 CSF £5 72. 2.25 (6) 1, Blues Queen (J Carroll, 5-1): 2.25 (6) 1, Blues Queen (J Carroll, 5-1): 2. Bolero Boy (16-1), 3, Burkes Manor (6-1) Hawart 3-1 lay 11 ran 11-4, 4t M Channon Tolo 24,90 £160 £20, £210 DF £27.90, Tho: £44.90 CSF £73.09, Tricast £463.00

273 09, Tricast 2463 00
3.05 (6) 1, Cretan Grit (T G McLaughlin 10-1) 2 Thwasb (14-1), 3, La Petite Fusse (20-1), 4, Wardara (12-1) Indian Relative 15-2 lav 28 ran NR Finisterre Sh hd. 11. Littmoden Toler 210 50: 52.0 53.0, 23.0, 23.20, 25.20 DF E36 80 Tno £158 50 CSF £131 98 Tricast £2,534 51 Cor £13190 ITICSS £2,50-31 3.35 (Im 21 192yd) 1 Key To My Heart U Weaver, 6-4 tay) 2, Desert Shot (2-1) 3 Behavour (6-1) 7 ran 31,1 M Miss S Hall Tote £2 50, £1 60 £1 90 DF £1 90 CSF £4 83

£4 83.
4.15 (6f) 1, Coastal Bluff (1 Fortune, 3-1 tav), 2, Mr Bergerac (20-1), 3, Prince Babar (10-1) 4 Double Spiendour (7-1) 28 ran NR Samwer, Nk, nk, T Barron. Tetre £4 10, £2 20, £3 30, £2-70, £1 80, DF- £31 30, Tno £70 70, CSF £62 02, Tricest £409 35.

Tricest \$409.35.
4.45 (Im 51 13vd) 1, Durham (S Wheworth, 3-1 tav), 2 Floating Line (5-1); 3, Far Ahead (4-1) 11 ran Sl. 31 H Howe Tote: \$4.30, \$1.60, \$2.40, \$1.70, DF. \$12.50 Tric \$12.30, CSF \$17.46 Tricest* C54.79.

5.15 (7f) 1. Celebration Cele (J Weaver, 9-2), 2 Superpixele (16-1) 3. Champegne Grandy (13-2) My Gallery 100-30 fav 11 ran NP: Mister Westsound 191 H Miss L Perretti. Tote 25.50; 22.20; 24.50 52.50 DF £53.10 Trio: 2264.00 CSF £69.33 Tricast £449.38

2.40 1, Gerne Ploy (5-1); 2, Inquistor (15-2) 3, Fahs (11-1), 4, Edan Heights (20-1) Clan Ben 4-1 tav. 17 ran 3.10 11, Bellymakelly (13-8 tev) 11, Kutta (9-1), 3. Whitechapel (6-1) 12 ran NR Shadow Leader 3.40 1 Indian Rocket (100-30; Private Handicapper's top rasing), 2; Proud Naive (25-1), 3 Seebe (11-4 law) 10 ran. NR Out Of Sight. 4.10 1, Artful Dane (33-1); 2. Mo-Addeb (8-1), 3, Air Commodore (5-1); 4, Bon Luck (12-1) Concer Un 9-2 lav 16 ran

Catterick Bridge

2.50 1. Armyas (7-2); 2. Consentment (8-1). 3. Erosion (5-1) Toronto 9-4 lav 9 ran. 3.20 1, Gipsy Princess (4-1 (1-lav); 2, Juley Ting (4-1 (1-lav), 3, Lord Discord (16-1), 9 ran

3.50 1. Tessajoe (11-4 fav) 2. Artic. Courier (4-1): 3, Classic Pensian (7-1): 9

Jackpot £12,448.20.
Placepot £30.20. Quadpot £8.30. | 5,30 1, Komiucky (6-1), 2 Regal Fantare (12-1); 3, Se Gardon (3-1 law) 18 ren

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS 156 113 81 0 -67 42 135 104 105 7 -8 15 122 116 117 10 -147,20 116 103 81 0 -547,20 116 103 81 0 -540,20 99 84 97 3 1.30,65 94 101 88 9 -121,37 90 57 39 6 +997 81 72 61 4 064 72 69 100 6 -220,21 - 119.29 -251.79 -17.76 -60.24 -134.69 -75.20 -81.08 -36.47 Pat Eddery T Quion K Fiffiori J Weaver J Than F Darley 1 Detroit A Cochrant M Alberton R Harmin H Ceci J Berry J Dunlop P Cole J Eyre J Gosden

Newbury 1.40 1. Meliksah (11-2), 2. Talwind (16-1). 2. Lamorna (11-2) Silca Key Silca 15-8 tav 5 ran NR Ruby Tuesday, Rudi's Pet 2.10 1. Pheniom Quest (9-4 lav), 2. Tam-hd (11-4), 3. Celestial Key (7-1) 7 ran NR-Tria Nemala.

4.40 1 Speedball (11-10 lav.), 2. Hopesay (4-1), 3, Sabna (33-1), 24 ren.

2.20 1, Havana Heights (11-2), 2, Arc Of The Diver (3-1); 3, The Butterwick Kid (14-1) Champagne Warnor 4-6 lav. 10

ran. 4,25 1 Onefourseven (16-1), 2, Hullbank (9-1), 3, Broughtons Formula (7-4 fav), 15 Market Rasen 2.10 1, Indrapura (15-8 lev); 2, Ragamulin Romco (9-1), 3, Count OI Flanders (9-4), 8

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2.45 1, in A Tizzy (13-2): 2, Howne Cookin'
15-2 tay): 3, Tablets Of Sione (7-1): 17 ren
NR Nordic Hero
3.15-1, Andreiot (5-1), 2, Martine Dream
(2-1 fav): 3, Maggols Green (5-2): 7 ren,
3.45-1, Tallywagger (7-1); 2, Ordog Mor
(Svens lav): 3, Red Jam Jar (8-1): 6 san 4.20 1, Cats Run (1-4 tas). 2. Deise Marshal (7-2): 3. Durham Homat (14-1) 3 ran NR Vernometum 4.50 1. Beliroi (13-8 tev); 2. Wolboli (7-1); 3. Scud Missis (10-1) 8 nm MR; Rudi's Prob.

□ Neil Graham, the Newmarket trainer, yesterday ruled Crumpton Hill out of Saturday's Tote Festival Handicap at Ascot.

MUSSELBURGH

2.00 Compact Disc. 2.30 Etterby Park. 3.00 Ayunli. 3.30 Hit Or Miss. 4.00 Imperial Or Metric. 4.30 The Barnsley Belle. The Times Private Handicapper's top reting: 2.30 ETTERBY PARK.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Ayunli.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM Draw: 5F, Low Numbers Best 2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FILLIES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAIRES (2-Y-O: £2,697: 51) (8 runners)

(7) 5000 CANTSAYNOWT 4 (B) R Michelar 8-11... J Michaley (7) 77 (B) 505 COMPACT DISC 23 M Juveston 8-11...... J Wysowr (8) 600 PLORENTE CLAMONO 22 M Pressoil 8-11..... J Portune (1) 3665 MOLLY MICSC 42 (V) 6 Mayerson 8-11.... B Brothale 84 (1) 3665 MOLLY MICSC 42 (V) 6 Mayerson 8-11... B Brothale 84 (1) 3665 MOLLY MICSC 42 (V) 6 Mayerson 8-11... B Brothale 84 (2) 5300 THEWRISHTONE 14 (B) 6 Oktobra 8-11... G Parkley (5) 73 (3) 500 THEWRISHTONE 14 (B) 6 Oktobra 8-11... G Parkley (5) 73 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Mainte Males 7-4-4... Market 15 (Company) Disc. 7-7 Presention Demonst 6-1 Market 15 (Com 5-4 Compact Disc, 7-2 Florentee Dament, 6-1 Maily Mask, Trilylan, 8-1 Theorytisms, 19-1 Styes Tyur, 16-1 Hillors Executer, 25-1 Cantagonal.

2.30 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CUP HANDICAP (£3,061: 1m 7l 16yd) (8)

(2) 4846 VANK PRINCE 234 (8,007,6,5) II Tribine 94-10 (2) 4846 VANK PRINCE 234 (8,007,6,5) II Tribine 94-6 Council Si 11-10 Ellerby Pork, 7-2 Lateron, 5-1 Specials Shown, 18-1 Van Prince, 16-1 Prep O Day, 20-1 Beautiny Bird, 25-1 offices

(£3,139: 1m 4i 31yd) (7) (2) 1850 SOBA UP 37 (CDJ-S) T Eberlegton 6-10-9. A Culture 93 (7) 5012 AYUMLI 17 (DJ-S) S Wilans 5-9-1. J Wester 98 (8) -300 ROYAL LEGEND 20 4 Prance 4-9-2. S Standard 90 (6) 6-10 EDEN DIRECTR 231 (GJ-S) Ms M Render 4-0-10

3.00 WEATHERBYS GROUP HANDICAP

3.30 PUBLIE NURSERY HANDICAP 1 (3) 2150 BALLYMOTE 23 (0.F) J Bury 9-7. 2 (1) 0004 STYLE DANCER 3 R Whither 9-4. R Hand 3 (2) 040 DOWNA'S DANCER 17 (8) 7 Buron 8-13 4 (4) 5108 NT OR MISS 7 (0.F.S.) P Haston 8-11 2-1 Sign Discou, 9-4 Ballymete 5-2 Hit Or Mes, 4-1 Downa's Gancer

4.00 CARBERRY TOWER CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,827: 1m 16yd) (12)

S-2 Famey A Foreign, 4-1 Impostal Or Metric, 6-7 Shesaton Gist 7-1 Lycus Tourt 8-1 Champon d'Annour, 10-1 Hargell King, Time Can Tell, 12-1 ellers. 4.30 HONEST TOUR MAIDEN HANDICAP

(£2,996: 71 15yd)(14)					
1 (2) 0/36 GLEI GARNOCK 37 D Nichelts 4-9-13 D McKermi (2) 46 1000 (SIR, OF MY DREAMS 13 M Heath-Bits 3-9-9 G Dutsled (3) 64 - 000 SOCETY MARIC 110 Bashing 3-9-0					
7 (14) 5665 THE BARMSLEY BELLE 49 (BF) J Eye 3-8-10 TR Lappin (1) (11) 0500 CHELWOOD 16 L Lappi-James 48-9 C Lumber (7) (1) 0300 POLISH LADY 28 C Murry 3-8-0 T Wildens (1) (2) 4500 MUTCHACKER SLITE 51 J Eye 48-5 The Hands					
11 (3) 0433 REGISTAR 25 (8) M Det: 3-6-5 M Kernedy (12 (10) 0050 RAMEDIUS RIMPSOOT) 15 D Chapman 5-8-4 L Character (13 (4) 5600 GOLD LINING 38 (V) E Abron 3-8-3 M Fertum 14 (13) 9-00 RED MARCH HARE 28/10 Medius 5-8-1 Danies Modali (3) 8					
3-1 Gies Carneck, 5-7 Secrety Mayor 8-1 Katle Rossofts, 11-1 Testy Bay. St. Spin, The Spressey Belle: 12-1 Ght Of My Dresses, 14-1 others.					

TRANSERS: M. Bell. 6 winner; Sum 10 norders, 60.0%, J Pearce, 5 lum 10, 27.8%, N Trivier, 8 hum 30, 26.7%, M Prescuit, 8 hum 33, 24.2%, S Williams, 5 hum 21, 23.8%; T Etherington, 3 hum 13, 23.7%, J Berry, 36 hum 163, 19.7%. JOCKEYS: M Fusion, 4 extrans from 10 sides, 40 Pt., G Bardwell, 7 from 23, 30 4%; G Duffield, 20 from 82, 24 4%, J Wester, 33 from 137, 24 1%; A Culture, 10 from 47, 21 3%, N Darley, 30 from 183, 20.8%.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Blinkered first time LEICESTER: 2.15 Bright Dentorid, 3.15 Groveter Dencer 4.15 River Tegn. MUSSELBURGH: 2.00 Moly Music, Trulyten, Cantsaynout, 3.30 Doma's Diancer 4.00 Huigel King, Santspot. Jennai Cox braves Dartmoor for a two-day SAS-style trial for the women's polar relay team

Up the pole or round the bend?



Look north: the trial stretched the psychological and physical limits of all 45 women

ying in a frost-covered sleeping bag on Dartmoor trying to get some sleep, two large hands were thrust over my ears. A series of booms was followed by the sounds of a siren. Smoking flares filled the night air. There are three casualties out there on the moors," a voice shouted, "get up, find them and bring them back here. Now." All the dread of taking part in the second women's North Pole relay team trial was confirmed.

A 26-mile hike in wind, rain and fog across the moors last January had brought me to the brink of exhaustion. This two-day. SAS-style expedition was to push all 45 participants to the end of their psychological, and physical, tethers.

Watches were confiscated and, instead of the cosy first night many expected under the roof of the Tavistock-based Adventure Centre, which helped to orchestrate the weekend, we were split into teams and with our rucksacks herded into Land Rovers to be

There, each of the five teams was assigned extra luggage: the carrying of a five-metre log, three lifejackets, ten metres of rope and eight helmets had to be shared on top of a 30lb rucksack. With guides to intervene only when necessary we were told to find our way by torchlight to Foggintor

Quarry. It was 9pm.
After an hour's walk against a biting wind we came to a rocky cliff-face. As our group was short of helmets two would have to climb twice, bringing back spares on their descent. I volunteered to stay behind, and huddled with another team member behind a boulder where we chatted to keep our thoughts from the cold. There is no hiding from Dartmoor winds.

nder six layers of clothing and with the weight on my back I was perspiring when I reached the hill top. No time to draw breath: this part of the moors came to an end at another cliff, with a smooth, flat drop. One by one we were strapped into harnesses and helped to absell down. Some were visibly terrified, but nobody with a hope of going to the North Pole shrinks from a challenge on the first night.

By about 2am we were told to get some sleep. Each team had to bid for the scant equipment available with which to make bedding. My team quickly opted for two tarpaulins (groundsheets).

TRAVEL TIPS

COURSES through adventure centres can supply the following necessary items: walking boots: warm trousers fleeces: waterproofs: rucksack: sleeping bag and ground mat; first-aid kit: map and magnetic penknife: survival bag; cooker and fuel; water bottle: matches; emergency food rations.

Equipment and cloth-ing can be bought from the following outlets which all have mail order: Berghaus 0191-415 0200: Mountain Equip-ment 0161-366 5020: Taunton Leisure 0171-924



Getting as much rest as possible was a priority as details secret. While some giggled well into the night, my team's judgment proved correct.

I had woken from cold when the group was roused at about 4.30am to start walking again. and the feeling in my feet had just about returned when we reached Crazy Well Pool by late morning. "Now," one of the team leaders said, "you have got to swim across this lake with your rucksacks. Think about how you are

Physical durability was only part of the selection process. Our mental and psychological capabilities were being tested, too. How would teams pull together, individuals react to each other, and could we agree on a way of crossing the lake

and keep our belongings dry? Some built a raft for the rucksacks using the logs. while I reluctantly stripped to my underwear and like many others piled my rucksack into reached the other side my feet were numb again.

With the additional weigh of wet clothes, wet rope, and in some cases, wet sleeping bags. we had to reach a deserted farmhouse by 6pm. The route included an uphill run and climbing Sheeps Tor from where all women telephoned potential sponsors. The expedition, scheduled for next March, is still in search of a title sponsor whose logo or product will be carried as the baton to the Pole.

Taking turns to navigate, we streams in which the mud covered our knees. Blisters, where soil-soaked socks had rubbed against ankles and heels, was the main complaint on reaching Foxtor Mire.

Deceived by a beautiful evening. I left the majority who chose to sleep in the farmhouse and braved the outdoors. I awoke, shivering, within a couple of hours to find my sleeping bag covered in frost. Then came the sirens

By now the women had their team routines well rehearsed and the natural leaders were starting to emerge. One immediately took charge. assigning tasks, selecting who would stay and ordering the signals to be sent when bodies were found. About half an hour later the women returned, ready to crawl back into bed. "You will now do a mile-and-half run. It will be timed." we were told. A 31-



Jennai Cox "Physical strength is only part of the process"



Up to the task: Lucy Roberts scales a cliff face



year-old mother of triplets with no running experience achieved the best time of just over ten minutes. I finished in the top half but behind another mother, aged 50. Those for whom the trial was a deeply personal quest pushed

themselves on relentlessly. As I slung my rucksack on for the last day, I could feel bruises on my shoulders and hips from the rubbing of the straps. By this time four women had pulled out. To test our navigation skills we were given grid references and each asked to guide the group, explaining our chosen route and estimating the distance and time needed to reach the

Il were subjected to spot checks: "Show me where we are on the map and tell me how you know." Having led the group hopelessly off course the previous day I made an extra effort to keep an eye on my map, until our leader feigned a fall and six of us had to carry him more than 500 metres on a hastily constructed stretcher. It took the better

part of an hour. Going at less than 3mph by late afternoon, tempers had started to fray. I was accused of nor needing to stop to fill my water bottle, having drunk everyone else's. If I did not demonstrate the same degree of physical strength as the 20 who were selected. I at least completed the trial in good humour.

I was so tired by the end having had only nine hours' sleep in 48 hours — I could feel the bags under my eyes. But I could not sleep. With exhaustion came a certain exhilaration. I began to understand what it means to have a burning ambition to reach the

POLEWARDS

relay team to the North Pole is being organised by the Polar Travel Company, which runs adventure trips to the Arctic and Antarctic (01364 631470). The Adventure Centre, Kelly College. runs tailor-made group courses on Dartmoor (01822 610817).



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Playing back the suit the defence has led can often be effective. This hand is from a Dutch tournament in February.

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Contract: Three No-trumps by South, Lead: jack of speder

(I) Negative double, showing the other suits and at least six HCP. Declarer won the jack of spades lead and played the ace of diamonds followed by a diamond to the queen and king. After the jack of diamonds he now tried for his remaining chance, that the king of clubs was doubleton. When that did not materialise he was one down. In truth the straightforward chances are not good. The odds of five diamond tricks are approximately 18 per cent, while the odds of East having king doubleton (or singleton) of clubs are in single figures.

It is often a good idea when in a poor contract to try to force the defenders to take their tricks early. Better play was to return a spade at trick two. Now the defence has to be accurate to beat 3 NT. If West

cashes his spades East can discard a heart and a club, but when declarer next gets in, with a heart say, he can cash his other top heart and East will be squeezed in the minors. West's best defence is to switch to a diamond after winning the second round of spades. Declarer can win in hand and play a third spade, but now West cashes his spades and exits with a second diamond. This cuts the declarer's com-

munications with dummy. The play of exiting with a spade is unlikely to cost. The bidding strongly suggests that spades are 5-3 and if the defenders cash their tricks declarer loses nothing and may gain substantially.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

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section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New chess ratings

The top ten chess ratings are as follows: Kasparov 2,785. Karpov 2,783. Topalov 2,754. Kramnik 2,749. Anand 2,735. Kamsky 2,733. Ivanchuk 2,732, Short 2,698. Shirov and Adams 2,682. Britain has two players. Short and Adams In the top ten, Judit Polgar, the top woman player in the world is at number 14.

Speelman's wins

Jon Speelman, the London grandmaster, distinguished him-self by scoring 100 per cent in the first three rounds of the chess Olympiad in Erevan, Armenia. Here is his win in the important 212-112 win by England against

White: Fridman (Latvia) Black: Speciman (England) Chess Olympiad Crevan. Armenia

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39 Qc3~ 40 Qxg3 Diagram of final position 三 **台** 注 注 # 1 2000 # 2000 * 2000

After six rounds of the Ches-Olympiad, England shares second place with 16½ points, one point behind Russia. So far, the England team has won all six of its matches, their latest three victims being Romania, Holland and Georgia.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Ray-mond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Barsford Ltd itel: 01376 321276) at £6 99 plus postage and packing.

Raymond Keene writes on class Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

22 c5 23 bxc5 24 ext4

White to play. This position is from the game Staunton -Amateur, London 1842. In this position White is a rook down and in the normal course of events he would lose. However, he has a way of regaining some material. What is it?



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WATER POLO

CYCLING

NATIONAL WATER POLO LEAGUE: Saturday: First division: Nova 11, Coventir 11, Ballenhead B. Evelur 3 Londardis 15 Royson 8 Second division: Tylorethy, 9 Chaster 11, Paragon 13, Welsh Warderen: 6, Invide 8, Sution 15 Sunday: First division: Polytechnic, 17, Chotterman: 6 Coventry 9, Evister 7 Birkenhead 7, Nova 7, Pengun 10, Bristol 19, Second division: Rotherham 15, Bertlord 6, Invide 7, Welsh Wanderen: 4: Paragon 13 Sutton 15

Courage Clubs Championship First division

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Bristol: Tries: Breezo, Corry, Corkery, Shaw Corne: Teinton 2 Heriequine: Tries: Connolly, O'Leary, Staples, Wood, penelty try Core: Cerling 4, Corporan 29 Bath Gloucester: Trises Descon, Greening, Sime Con: Mapielott Pers: Mapielott 4 Bath: Trise: Adebayo 2 Callard, Catt, J Robinson, Nacol, Ojomoh Cons: Callard 2 Pers: Catlord 2.

London Irish 19 Sale 25 London Irish; Try: Helpin. Con: Humphreys Pens: Humphreys 3 Dropped goal: Hum-phreys Bale: Tries: Ryari, Stocks, Warr Cons: Stocks 2 Pens. Stocks, Viribooks Northempton 41 Orreit **--

West Harriepool 25 Saracers 16 West Hartspook Trivet John, Morgan, Ring Const John 2. Penst John 2. Sensons: Trive: Ebongalani, ...R. Wallace, Penst Translesius 2.

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LEADING SCORERS'-87: G Rece (Maspe, 1
ty, 7 conversors, 16 peretty goals) 84: J
Calland (Barn, 11, 10c, 13pg) 57: J Liley
Lincester, 11, 5c, 14pg) 48: W Calang
Hartroquins: 18c, 3pg) 44: D Humphreys
(London Insh. 4c, 10pg) 38: P Grayson
(Northamptom 11, 5c, 8pg, 10g) 32: M
Mapseoli (Ghovester; 1c, 10pg) 30: D
O'Losay (Hartequins: 8)

Second division

17 Richmond Bedford Bedford: Tries; Fair, Rayer, Whotstone Con; Rayer Richmond, Tries: Cottrell 2, A Moore, Danies Hutton, Whaford Cone: Masion 4 Pens: Mason 2. 24 Wakefield Coventry Coveraty Treas: Horrotin, kullord Con: Gallagner Pens. Gallagner 2 Dropped quals: Harris 2 Walkefield: Tress. Gernet, Penyl. Runhworth Cons. Scully 2 Pens. Scully 2 London Scottish 42 Waterloo

London Scottish: Trees: Duthle 2. Enisson, Smith Steele Cons: Steele 4 Pens: Steele 3 Watertoo: Trees: D Thompson, White, Wright Cons: C Thompson 3 Pens: C Thompson 3 34 Nottingham 22 Moseley Tries: McGrinon 2, Buch, Harris, Wikinson Cone: Dossett 3 Pen: Dossett Nottingham Tries: Bygrave, Royer, Webster Cons, N Canoll 2, Pen: N Carroli,

61 Blackheath Newcastle 61 Blackheath 0 Newcastle Tries: Armstrong 2, Bentley 2, Graham 2, Arnold, Frankland, Underwood, Welt Cons. Andrew 4 Pen Andrew 49 Rugby Rotherham. Tries, Burns 2, Dudley 2, Buzza, Exsterby Maler Cons, Irman 1 Penst Inman 2 Rugby Tries: Bale 2, Bishop Dropped goalt Kennedy

Third division 22 Harrogale Exeler: Trees Dovell 3, A Maunder Corc Green Harrogate: Try Bell Corr: Brain. 10 28 Walsell Fylde Pytde: Tries, Anderson, Preston Pener Gough 6, Walself: Try, Gurant Corr. Mills Pen: Mills

Havani, Try, Fartan Con; Achivorth Pers. Ashworth 9 Ciliton: Try Pollodi Con; Cottaril Pens: Cotteril 3 Dropped goat. Pelis Liverpool St.H. 13 Morley Liverpool St. Helens: Try. Brett. Con. Humphreys Pen: Humphreys Dropped goal: Wellers Morley Try. Rombo Pene. Peacock 2. Otley

Ottey Tries: Smith 2 Bitington, N Har-opeands, Rutledge Cons. Rutledge 5 Pens: Rusledge 2 Redruth: Tries. Congo 2, Douch Mead, pensity try Cons. I Morgan 3 Pent 1 Reading Tries: Fils, Harris, Spancer Const Belstow 2 Pens: Belshaw 2 Lydney. Try Monts Pens: Mons 2 Rosslyn Park 27 London Welsh 10

RUGBY UNION

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LBADING SCORERS: 68: G Aireough
(Leeds; 2 Iner, 7 conversions, 14 peneity
goels) 88: S Gough (Fyder; 11, 6c, 15pg, 1
depend goel), 58: A Green (Estrier, 11, 8c,
spg, 1dg); P Ruffedge (Otley; 11, 8c, 10pg)
FOURTH DIVISION NORTH: Bermingham
Solinali 85 Stoke-on-Frent 10: Kendel 30
Manchedler 21; Lichkled 27 Nuneston (C,
Presson Greenburgers 16 Stemmali 9; Sampla
20 Appaired \$1; Stoke-on-Frent Valoreceiter 21;
Winnington Park 23 Hereford 24.
FOURTH DIVISION SOUTH: Berling 15
Premosth 15, Beart Hill 8, Newboard 32.

Winnington Park 23 Hereford 24.

FOURTH DIVISION SOUTH: Barriery 15.

Prymodih 15, Barry Hill 8 Newbury 32:
Cheriton Park, 19 High Wycomba 31,
Chettenham 15 North Westeam 16; Henley 32 Camberley 13; Metropoliten Potic 47
Askeams 9; Weston-super-Mare 11 Tabord 6.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Fire division: Basingstoke 21 Ruisip 10; Harlow 77
Southerd 20: Old Cobletans 23 Guildhard and Goddining 43; O Mid-Whitofithm 16 Eather 37, Surena and Epocam 12 Suchaury 13,
Sternes 63 Thurnock 0: Wimbledon 22 Nowen 29
SOUTH WEST Fire division: Bindum 11
Bernstade 12; Cambone 10 Bridgwater 40;
Launceston 31 Stroud 25, Metson 32 St Nee 13, Safstoury 13 Medicarinand 63; Torquey 10
Couclosins OB 13
MCLANIDE; Fire division: Erection 31
Barkers Butts 28, Burton 31 Wolverhampton 13, Camp Hill 19 Whitchurch 17; Derby 12
Westlegh 12; Hindley 7 Syston 8, Learnington 14 Stockwood Park 20; Leighton Burzard 14 Station 10; Mersfeld 9 Scurifforpe 8
NORTH: First division: Braciford and Briginy 9 Stocklon 22; Budington 56 Maccleschel 12; Hull Ionans 12 Broughton Park 17, Sadgley N. 38 Tymedale 20. Writnes 30 New Brigion 16, W Ph. Bramhope 9 Wegton 18
Midelich | Campute.

Welsh League First division

Bridgend 59 Neath 13
Bridgend: Tries: Wildens 2, Durston, Forster, G Tromas, i Jones, James, Morris Corte: Back 3 Durston 2 Pener Back, Durston G Thomas Neath: Tries: B Wilterns, Higgs Pen. Case 10 Pontypnód Duriver4 Durwant: Try: M Davies Con: Thomas, Pen: Thomas Pontypride: Tries: Cormack, Ford, M Lloyd, Robbins Con: Cormack, Pen: Cormack. 30 Swanese

Lianell 30 Swaness 17
Lianelli, Tries: I Evans 2, Procter, Penst I
Evans 5, Swanses: Triast Thomas 2 Const
Thomas 2 Pen. Thomas Newbridge 11 Cardill 84
Newbridge: Try: Meredah Penes J Williams
2 Cardill: Tries: E Lewis 2 Food G Jones,
Hall Howley, J Davies J Thomas, Ringer,
Walker Const J Devices 7 11 Cardiff Treorchy Tries Hammers 3, A Thomas, Egger Cons. D Lloyd 3 Caerphilip: Try Hammerid Con. P Philips Pens: P Philips 3

Second division Abertillery 32 Abercynon 8
Abertillery 7: Ines: Geeen, Howard, Meredith, Pennali Const Willers 3 Pens: Wiffers 2
Abercynon, Try: Bowcott Pen: Marshman
Bonymaen 29 Cardill Inst 25
Bonymaen: Tres: Roberts 3, Cellaghan
Cons: Roberts 3 Tropped goat P Evans:
Gardill Institute: Tres: Supple 2, Lews.
Const Matthews 2 Pens: Matthews 2
Const Matthews 2 Pens: Matthews 2

Cross Keys: 14 Llandovery 48
Cross Keys: Thes: Nicholls, pensity by
Cross: Benb 2 Llandovery: Thes: C Devies
2 Richards 2, P Jones, Westgarth, pensity
by Cons: C Jones 5 Pent C Jones

10 CURRIE CUP: Transvaal 36 Natal 37. Orange Free State 113 South Western Drancts 11: Boland 18 Eastern Province 17.

25 Pontyberein 7: Tarls Well 34 Ponticew 25: Telywen 25 Brysammen 22: Tonyetal 40 Penygroes 12: Trynari 11 Brysamew 7: Tycroes 10 Gleis 28: Wettstown 5 Aberdere 17: Western 85 Fleu-de-Lys 3: Ynysyoul 40 Cowtondge 25; Ystalaidea 38 Brysocch 35 Postponiad: Pwiheli v Berneen

Tennents Premiership First division

Second division

championships

Munster 45 Connacht 28 Munster: Tries: Lacry 2, Foley, McCahill, Walsh Cons: O'Halloran 4 Pens: O'Halloran 3, Dropped gost: O'Helloran, Connacht: Tries: Daving 2, Reddan, Cons: Ewood 2, Pens: Ewood 3, (Cont.)

Canada 21 Argentina 41 Canada: Tries: Wirachowski, Hendry Con: Ross, Pens: Ross 3 Argentina, Tries: Solan 2, Barlouco 2, Martini Cons: Quesada 2 Pens. Quesada 4

Scroughmuir 25 Meirose 47 Boroughmuir: Tries: C Firmey 2, Linsen, Raid, Corc Alben Pers Attien Mekroes: Tries: Bein, Broughton, C Rechath, Chel-mars, Nichol, R Brown, Shepherd, Corns: G Parker 3 Pene: G Parker 2 Parker 3 Pener G Parker 2
Hiewick 15 Wetponiams 26
Hiewick Pener Welin 5 Wetponiams 17; J
McDonald Corr. Hodge Pener Hodge 5
Dropped goal: Hodge Pener Hodge 5
Heriot's FP 22 Stirling County 9
Heriot's FP: Try: Ross. Corr. Ross. Pener
Ross 5 Stirling County: Pener Easson 3
Jet-Lincott 21 Courte 28

| Pissa 5 Stifring County, Pens: Easson 3 | Jack-Forest 21 Currie 3 | Jack-Forest Tries: Arnos, Forster Con: Arnos, Pens: Gloson 2, Arnos, Currie: Tries: Black, Lucking, Officer Cons: Donaticson 2, Pens: Demandson 3 | P W D L F A Pension Demandson 3 | P W D L F A Pension Demandson 3 | P W D L F A Pension Demandson 3 | P W D L F A Pension Demandson 3 | P W D L F A Pension Demandson 3 | P W D L F A Pension Demandson 3 | P W D L F A Pension Demandson 3 | P Manufacture 4 | 1 0 2 16 82 8 | Havoick 4 3 0 1 128 82 8 | Havoick 4 3 0 1 128 82 8 | Havoick 5 | P Manufacture 4 1 0 3 97 122 2 | Jock-Forest 4 1 0 3 80 141 2 | P Manufacture 4 1 0 3 80 141 2 | P Manufacture 5 | P Manuf

irish inter-provincial

Pens: Ewood 3. par Cork)
Ulcter 25 Leinster 35
Ulster: Tries: Duncan, Anchie, Topping
Cons: Luing 2 Pens: Laing 2 Leinster:
Thes: McKorns 2, Jameson, Spicer Cons:
Governey 3, Pens. Geverney 3
(all Revonhall)

THERD DIVISION: Tredegar 23 Buitsh Wells.
29. Rumney 53 Penerth 0: Tenby Ukd 19
Lianheran B. Merityn 43 Narborn 11:
Mourtain Ash 16 Tondu 55; Pyle 55 Karrig
Hil 21
SWALEC CUP: Becond mund: Abuston 12:
Rembroke 10: Abecram 27
Pembroke 10: Abecram 27
Pembroke 10: Abecram 28
Penerbowd 18: Bisensu 6 Heavehordwest
22: Amman Ukd 14 Cemgers 12: Ammenford 62
Bisenseon 0: Beddau 13 Neesseg Ouins
12: Beltests 14 St Davids 3; Brichgrove 29
Pendawdd 18; Bisensu Gwent 10 Aberson
16; Bridgend Ahristic 44 Bargoed 18; Bridgend Sports 44 Mormouth 0, Briton Ferry
29 Mikrof Haven 8: Burny Pert 31 Landeleb
51: Byree 61 Liangwm 0: Cardist Medics 7
Dinse Powy 78. Cardigan 9 Nelson 7:
Camarthen Athietic 19 Lianger 19: Chepotow 14 Haveur 21: Crossycolido 16
Canion 9. Crymart 11 Brecon 45; Cemtoran
16 St Albarra 13; Cwingrach 45 Calstoot 27;
Dolgeliau 31 Baglen 6; Herhridge HSDB 6
Githach Goch 25; Hollybush 16 Feinvaner 21:
Lancerte Collegt we Stamater C. Langtame
8 Cemtoran 21, Lianell Wenderen 23
Newcastle Emilyn 48: Liangernech 23
Tretretteet 11; Mometon 25 Peterson 12: New Tredegar 10 RTB Bobe Valle 55, Old
Blydans 18 Cambridge 22, Percend 42
Portlycymmer 20, Risca 40 Georgydol 10: Puthin 43 Ryll and Dadrid 10; Sanghenydd 18: Puthin 43 Ryll and Dadrid 10; Sanghenydd 19: Puthin 43 R

Pan-American tournament

Peris, Cuesade 4
United States 27 Uruguay 13
United States: Tries: Walker, Antoni, Con: Alexander, Pene; Alexander 5 Uruguay: Tries: Colstain, Wardaro Perit Scient. (both at Markhem, Ontario)
Final standings

Argentina 3 3 0 0 124 67 12
Cenade 3 2 0 1 68 77 8
United States 3 1 0 2 71 65 6
Uruguay 3 0 0 3 51 100 1
FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Acon 18 Bourgon 18, Grandble 15 Barnaz 11, Dax 13 Toulouse 14; Bezars 31 Castres 15; Penguaus 30 Namos 12 Pool two, Pau 37
Momterand 12, Brite 30 Belgies 14, Penguaus 30 Namos 12 Pool two, Pau 37
Momterand 12, Brite 30 Belgies 14, Penguaus 30 Namos 12 Pool two, Pau 37
Momterand 12, Brite 30 Belgies 14, Penguaus 30 Namos 12 Pool two, Pau 37
CURREE CUP: Transvael 36 Natel 37.

Second division

Second division

Biggar Tries: Graham 2, Young Con:
Hurng, Kelso: Tries: Fairley 2 Con:
Altchism Perez Altchism 6
Gisegow HK 10 Edinburgh As 14
Gisegow High Kelshinside: Try: M Waslace
Con: Breckenridge, Perr Breckenridge
Edinburgh Academicals: Try: Hole, Perez
Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: Hole, Perez
Banderesch, Gray, Longstaff Cons: Perezon
2 Perc Pearson Dropped goal: Rouse
West of Scotland: O Glasgow Acade 20
West of Scotland: Tries: A Buslock,
Greenshietts, J Shaw, McKechrea R Creig
Cons: R Creig 3, Perez R Creig 3, Glasgow
Academicals: Tries: Meson 2, Ablett. Con:
McGregor Per: McGregor
PW D L F A Per
Edinburgh Ac 4 4 0 1 128 83 8
Kelso 4 3 0 1 107 78 6
Dundce HSFP 4 2 1 1 105 77 5
GHk, 4 1 2 87 100 3
W of Scotland 4 1 1 2 95 117 3
Galia 4 0 1 3 93 123 1
THRD DIVISION Kinkcaldy I8 Mussethugh
3, Prebles 17 Klimanoch 29: Person Lodge
21 Glasgow Southern 13; Slewart's Mahille
FP 14 Selvin 19: Fourth division: Ay 48
Haddington 0; Corstorphine 30 Grangemouth 11, Hillsed/Lodrainhil 18 Glernothes
19; Langholm 11 Gordonlana 13

First division East Leeds 13 Askern 20 Eestmoor 14 Outlon 24 Leigh East 22 Wilgan St Judes 37 Million 80 Blackbrook 4 Thornhill 30 Berrow Island 24 Welney Central 14 Motogreen 13 Walney Centrel
Askern
Thorntel
Wigen St Judes
Moldgreen
Millorn
Outlon

RUGBY -

LEAGUE

National Conference

Beverley 30 Saddleworth Egremont 32 Dudley Hill Mayfield 24 Lock Lane Oldham St A 27 Heworth West Hull 21 Leigh MW Wigen St P 21 Woolston

FWDLF 5 4 0 1 104 5 4 0 1 122 5 3 7 1 101 5 3 0 2 110

League

West that Wigan St P Olistem St A Wookston Beverley Dudley Hill Lock Lynn

Lock Lane Lock Lane Leigh NW Mayfield Egremont Saddleworth Heworth

Premier division

Australian Premiership

Semi-finals



Mary King, riding King Solomon, wins the Blenheim International Horse Trials from Andrew Nicholson, riding Dawdle. Photograph: Julian Herbert. Report: page 27

ATHLETICS

Track and field

EXETER: Devon 10,000m championship:
Men: A Binstow (Erme Valley) 32mm
28 2sec. Veteran: A Amazou (Exeter)
33 23 5 Over-70: R Afferdon (Devonis)
41-06.6 (M. veterans over-70 record)
Women: H Collins (Exeter) 39 32.7

TOOTING BEC: Harw Hill open meeting
seelected winners); Men: 100m: P Daily
(Thames Valley) 11 Asec. 400m. R Danel
(Woodford Green) 50 9 800m: Danel Imm
57 2sec. 1,500m: D Taylor (Blackhesth)
3 59.2 10,000m. R Payne (Herne Hill)
31 41 7 Pole wauft R Hulf (Hercales
Wimbledon) 3 40m: Women: Pole vauft: S
Dicker (Shafresbury Barnel) 3 00m.
WALTHAMSTOW: Open 34m track wallc 1.
M Dane (Belgrave) 13mm 55sec. 2, D Kent
(Riord) 16 32. 3, P Casaldy (Loughion)
M.DT. Treate and field

ST ALBANS: Vertea Relays: Men (6 x 2.5 miss) 1, Highgate the 24mn 53sec, 2 shebsly Bernet 1.26.25, 3 Highgate 1.27.49 Pastest lap: P Martin [Hillengdon] 13 4.2 Women (4 x 2.5 miss) 1 Hillengdon] 14 (2.0 St Albans Studers 1.12.07, 3 Gerden City Joggess 1.15 08 Fastest lap: 2 Lowe (5 kibers Studers) 16 42. NEWPORT: Dewer Relays: Men (4 x 3.7 miss): 1, Cearphily 1.19-14; 2, Chapatow 1.24 12, 3, Merthyr Tydfii 1.25-49 Factest lap: P Crarle (Caerphily) 18.53 Veteram Newport 1.31 29, Fastest lap: W Savage (Chepstow) 21.35 Women 4x3,7mm; 1, Abertallen \$92.52; 2, Newport 1.00.53; 3, Methyr Tydfii 1.14.08, Fastest lap: C Martin (Newport) 13-44

Aberhillery 59:25: 2. Newport 1:00:53: 3. Methyl 1:ydii: 11:40.8. Fastest lap. C Martin (Newport) 13:44.

PHISWICK Burdays Dark Polymorth: Marsthon (Mindson to Cheswock), 1. Meryot (Bell 2tr 22mm 43sor; 2.) Jackson (Aldershot, Farnham and District); 2:9:09: 3. Submine (Army) 2:29:44, 4. Likely (Army) 2:29:44, 5. Silveywood (Fortbridge) 2:29:52, 6. Silvison (Learnington) 2:30:07 Verteran over-45; 18el (Elsanck); 2:36:52. Over-50: H. Taylor (Elsanck); 2:45:20. Over-50: G Kay (Stonemaster Marathoners); 2:57:54. Womer: 1. H. Gamishaw (Hourslow); 2:57:58: 2. D. James (Stownarker Stoders); 2:59:46, 3. Z. Lewis (Junetached); 3:00:46. Army merathon championship: 1, S. Lonnen (BAD Kineton); 2:23:4; 4. Likely (290.5); 2:259:46, 3. Z. Lewis (Junetached); 3:00:46. Army merathon championship: 1, S. Lonnen (BAD Kineton); 2:24:4; 4. Likely (290.5); 2:259:46, 3. Z. Lewis (Windson; Stough and Championship: 1, T. Fowler (Metropolitan); 2:30:55; 2. P. Tumor (Reading Roadrumers); 2:41:03. P. Westumo (Acquile); 2:43:55. Kept marathon championship: 1, S. Lonnen (Sand); 2:30:55; 2. S. Burtin (HASSRA); 2:43:21, 3. N. Ventumo (Acquile); 2:43:35. Kept marathon championship: 1, S. Keywood (Torbridge); 2:35:52. 2. N. Bateson (Army); 2:39:52. 3. W. Nanhwei (Cambindge) Harmers (2:44:50, Survey merathon championship: 1, S. Keywood (Torbridge); 2:39:52. 2. N. Bateson (Army); 2:39:52. 3. W. Nanhwei (Cambindge) Harmers (2:44:50, Survey merathon championship: 1, S. Keywood (Torbridge); 2:39:52. 2. N. Bateson (Redfill and Survey Bogles); 2:47:56. Women P. Pyrin (Stragglere); 3:06:49. AMERSHAM: Open five miles: 1. J. Downes (Saltord); 24mm; 23:96:7. R. Fostor (Thrains and Valley Hamors); 2:5:59. Team 1, Crailem and Valley Hamors; 2:5:59. Team 1, Craile

of Weles

BANGOR, Northern Iretand: Classes 10km;

1, S. Mano (Nen) 28:57, 2, G. Healy (Cwl.
Service, Dublin) 29:34; 3, T. Murray (Spango Valley) 29:37, 4, B. Hussan, (Stockport) 29:52; 5, D. Long (Coventry Godins) 29:54, 6, J. Fenn, (North Bellast) 29:65 Team; North Bellast; 24. Veteran; M. Sheetda, (North Bellast) 31:43. Women. 1, T. Duffy (Bectmount) 33:54, 2, J. Newton (Stock-port, holder) 35:54, 3, J. Newton (Stock-port, holder) 35:54, 3,

GOSPORT: Sultan 10 miles: 1, A Dossy (Southampion City) 51:25, 2, T Hughes (Whate Horse) 51:32, 3, D Krepht (Brighton and Hove) 51:33, Teams: 1, City of Portsmouth Veteren; G Wison (Royal Navy)

1-01.11 Women: 1. C Herbert (Avena 80) 57-09; 2, Z Hyde (Havant) 59-02; 3, E Raither (Southampton Road Runners) 1.02*13. Team: Stotchampton Road Runners) 1.02*13. Team: Stotchampton Gloen.
ARDGOUR: Two Ferries Trestalg to Ardgour 10.8 miles; 1. A Lees (Genzcube; 59:23; 2, J Cooper (Springburn) 58-38; 3, R Young (Cydesdale) 1.01:27 Team: Lochaber Women: H Simon (Cay of Glasgow) 1.06 41 (course record) Veteran. S McLash Pontobelo) 1:12:20 minings. EDON's Wimblacton and Indiana. (Herne Hill Ith Internal 10-sec.; 2, J Galvan (Auswell Hill) 1:13:01; 3, D Based (South Alfrica) 1:3:10 Team: Herne Hill 24 Veteran: G Tuck (Herneuls Wimbledon) 1:14:06 Over-50: R McDonough (Kingston and Polytechne); 1:24:06 Women: 1, B Dagne (Essex Ladies) 1:20:37; 2, A Jeeves: Shattlesbury Barnet) 1:24:16, 3, M Cunte (Wimbledon Windmilers) 1:24:18, 3, M Cunte (Wimbledon Windmilers) 1:24:48. Team Wimbledon Windmilers
Wesson-super-Mare. Prom Run (5 miles) 1, M Grist (Bristol) 25:32:3 G Harris (Bristol) 25:30 Veteran: P Alden (Birstol) 26:54 Women: A State; (Westbury) 28:46. Veteran. Z Marchant (City of Bath) 29:02.
BATTERSEA PARK, Sn Chirmoy avointies, 1, R Kindersley (Scipentino) 9:53:2 P Kunsela (Childrenham) 9:53:3, D Marsden (Blackheath) 10:12 Veteran over-60: A Vendie (Belgrave) 11:23 Women. 1, M Parmer (Conditich Runners) 11:30 Over-60: A Vendie (Belgrave) 11:23 Women. 1, M Parmer (Centre) 13:24, B Roster (Serpentine) 16:14 (London Irish) 27-08 Over-50: P King (Marlow Sinders) 28:54 Team: Valle of Aylesbury 132 Women. 1. J Heffernan (Victeans AC) 31:20: 2. L Burt (Chiltern and Chalford) 32:21: 3. C Hollowsy (Unatrached) 33:43 Team: Burnham Jopgers 33 Cardiff: KRUF 10lium: 1. P Taylor (Border) 28:40 (course record). 2. M Fint (Telbord) 29:20: 3. M Miorgan (Swensea) 29:22: 4. C Stephenson (Cardiff) 29:27: 5. I Corntoro (Shribesbury barner) 29:23: 8. D Hiscord (Shribesbury Barner) 29:23: 8. D Hiscord (Shribesbury Staren) 11. West Intercountes team: 1. Mid Garmargan 25: 2. South Garmargan 39: 3. West Garmargan 40. Veteran: M Rees (Swensea) 30:28. Team: Shransea. Women 1. L Elbott (Shaltesbury Borner) 33:41. 2. W Orr (Cardiff) 33:47: 3. C Holman (Norts) 34:55. Team: 1. Newport 17: 2. Cardiff 43: 3. Bridgend 47 Veteran: F Gat (Newport) 35:43. Team. Les Coupiers Westh Intercounties team. 1. West Garmargan 11. 2. Gwent 22: 3. Mid. (Glarmorgan 21: 2. Pie R Gardner (2RRW)) 31:19: 2. Pie P Wheeler (2RRW) 31:19: 3. Pie P Wheeler (2RRW) 32:44. Team: 2nd Royal Regiment of Wisles.

Road Walking

CHIGWELL: Dunkley Cup (10 miles) 1, N
Carmody (Metropolitan Police) 1 hr 18min
10sec 2 A Seddon (Metropolitan Police)
1,25,27, 3, P Hodinaton (Metropolitan
Police) 1,32,44 Teams: 1, Metropolitan
Police 6; 2, Stock Exchange 25. HOCKEY MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Biasion 4 Hull 0; Blueriuris 3 Indian Gymhana 0; Bournulle 3 Isca 0, Bromley 2 Lewes 8; Brooklands 2 Oxford Hawks 1, City of Portsmouth 2 Oxford Hawks 1, Crostyr 0 Sheffield 4; Edgbaston 2 St Albans 0, Frebrands 4 Stoppon 3 Gloucester City 5 Trojans 0, Harleston Magpies 3 Warmington 0. WOMEN'S REGIONAL LEAGUES: East: THE HAGUE. Men's International tour-nament: HDM 3 Teddington 1; HGC 4 Cannock 4; Bloemendaal 5 Toddington 2. Cannock 7 Royal White Star (Belgium) 1

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ROAD RACES. VC Bristol (Circuit of Charleld, 80 miles): 1, M Beckett (Cardilf JF) 2.20:00: 2, C Nott (Strettord Wheelers): 3, B Lyne (Western RC) both same time. Budweiser Tour of the Peak (Buston Derbyshire, 90 miles): 1, S Bray (Teem Energy): 4.01:27: 2, M Stephens (North Wirral Velo) same time. 3, J Hunl (Banesto) at 14sec. Falkith BC franchicap (50 miles): 1, S Ban (Lanark Valley CC): 2.09:49; 2, B Moore (Fullarion Wheelers): 3, M McPherson (Velo Sportiv) both same time.

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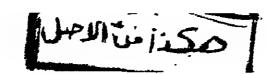
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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

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Interims: Bernrose Corpora-tion, Britannia Group, Inchcape, Scholl, SIG, Translec, VCI.

Finals: BZW Endowment Fund. Close Brothers Group, Community Hospitals, Kleinwort Development Fund, Mel-rose Energy, Regent Inns. Economics: Meeting between Kerneth Clarke, the Chanellor. and Eddie George. Governor of the Bank of England, US August Treasury budget report, US Treasury auction of short-term bills, Japan markets closed.

TOMORROW

Interims: Arcoelectrics Hold-Interims: Arcoelectrics Holdings, Laura Ashley, Britton Group, Chelsfield, Horace Clarkson, Hodder Headline, IFG Group, Alfred McAlpine, Pittards, Queens Moat Houses, Radius, Ruberoid, Vero Group, Finals; BCE Holdings, Pan An-dean Resources, Southern Newspapers. Newspapers.

Economics: UK 02 balance of payments, UK Q2 final GDP US Federal Open Market Committee meeting. US September consumer confidence.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Alexon, Brake Brothers, Carisbrooke Shipping, Dencore, Global Group, Harri-sons & Crosfield, Helical Bar, Radamec Group, Ryan Hotels, Seafield, Torex Group. Finals: Barratt Developments. Henderson Eurotrust, A&J Mucklow, Murray Split Capital Trust.

Economics: Bank of England to auction gilts in 2020-2022

THURSDAY

interima: British Dredging, Bruntcliffe Aggregates, Guin-ness, Higgs & Hill, Meltek Group, Norcor Holdings, Oliver Group, Ramco Energy, Red-land, TDS Circuits. Finals: Beazer Homes, McBride, Schroder Jepan Growth, S.R. Gent, Premium Trust, Renishaw.
Economics: UK July global trade in goods, UK August non-EU trade in goods, US weekly jobless claims.

FRIDAY

Interims: Hepworth, Joseph Holt, International Energy, Speciality Shops, Streamline Holdings. Finals: C H Balley, Graystone, Arthur Shaw & Co, Verity Group. Economics: UK August major

banking groups' monthly mort-gage lending, US Q2 final GDP.

COMPANIES



MICHAEL CLARK

Brokers at odds over Guinness

divided about the outcome when the group, of which Tony Greener is chairman, unveils interim figures on Thursday. NatWest Securities is taking a bullish line, forecasting pre-tax profits up from £340 million to [35] million, while UBS expects a downturn to about the £337

UBS expects another flat performance from the spirits division, while NatWest believes it is at a turning point and that profits will improve during the second half. Operating profits from spir-its are likely to be down 2 per cent, with further declines in markets such as the US, France, Brazil and Columbia

The brewing side continues to make steady progress, with a 6 per cent increase in profitability. Earning per share should show a small improvement of 5p to 12.1p. with the interim dividend raised from 4.2p to 4.6p.

REDLAND: Poor weather is likely to be blamed on Thursday for a downturn in first-half profits. The depressed building industry in Germany has also weighed heavily, just as it did last week when RMC Group reported

a sharp drop in profits.

Forecasts differ sharply, with NatWest looking for £86 million compared with £165.2 million for the corresponding period and UBS seeing the figure nearer to £130 million. The dividend should be maintained at 5.5p net. in June, the group reported that volumes in Europe had plunged 44 per cent in the first quarter although there are signs of improvement with the first tentative signs of recovery in the German residential housing market.

LAURA ASHLEY: Half-year figures from Sears and Next last week painted a contrasting picture so brokers will be paying attention to Tuesday's interim statement from Laura Ashley, At first glance the figures should prove encouraging, with pre-tax profits doubling to £6 million. A return to the dividend list with a bp payment is also anticipated. In May the group reported a 1 per cent increase in sales. Brokers



Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, could serve up an improved interim dividend

will want to view the overall picture after restructuring in Britain and America and recent problems associated with destocking.

HARRISON CROSFIELD: Half-year figures on Wednesday are unlikely to show much change on the corresponding period last year. Geoff Allum, of Henderson Crosthwaite, is forecasting pre-tax profits virtually unchanged at £65 million although earnings should be a touch firmer at 5.8p, compared with 5.7p, mainly because of different tax treatment. Mr

Allum said Harcros, the builder's merchant subsidiary, has proved a drag on the rest of the operations. Poor weather should see its contribution down from £21.6 million to £12 million for the full year, compared with Mr. Allum's forecast for the group as a whole of £120 million at the pretax level. The animal feeds business also remains depressed. hindered by the BSE problem.

INCHCAPE: First-half figures today are likely to be flat, with pre-tax profits at £30 million against £83.3 million last time. Earnings will also dip and shareholders may have to face up to a cut in the dividend from 6p to 4.3p net. Another depressed performance from the motors division is expected, with any improvement in Britain offset by declines in Hong Kong and Singapore. We may hear news about the proposed disposal of the Testing Services business, which should fetch in at least £300 million.

TARMAC: These figures will show the group continuing to clear up the mess left behind by

division, which has now been sold to George Wimpey, Tomorrow's figures for the first six months are unlikely to provide much cheer, with pre-tax profits down from £29.1 million to about £15 million. Tough trading in road operations will also depress the final figure. As of yet, there are few signs of improvement in roads and analysis will no doubt wish to tackle the group on the thorny questions of cash flow and

cost savings. The payout should

be pegged at 3p.

BEAZER HOMES: Full-year figures on Thursday will contain the worst of the housebuilding recession. Sales and profits are expected to have been affected. At the pre-tax level, profits are likely to be down from £55.7 million to about £46 million. An increase in the tax charge should produce a bigger decline in earnings, with the figure down from 14p to 1112 p. The group's strong balance sheet, containing no borrowings, should provide scope for an increase in the dividend to op.

BARRATT: The group is expected to show a small improvement when it unveils full-year figures on Wednesday, in contrast to Beazer, a rival. Pre-tax profits are set to grow by about £3 million to £50 million, with earnings up from 16.1p to 17.3p. There is also scope for a 'p rise in the dividend to 8p.

IBSTOCK: Shareholders will probably be left to pick over the bones when half-year figures are released on Wednesday and perhaps look forward to an improvement in the current year. Pre-tax profits are set to fall from £13.5 million to just £1 million, with only £12 million pencilled in for the year as a whole. Earnings will also have collapsed from 3.6p to 0.6p although the dividend should be maintained at 0.8p net. Certainly 1996 will be a year the group will want to forget, with brick deliveries falling to their lowest level in more than 20 years. This has led to lower prices and lower volume; a deadly combination for any company struggling to make headway.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus falls on interest rates

The week begins with the two events that will be most closely watched by the financial markets, Today, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, meets Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, for their regular monetary meeting on interest rates.

The Bank favours a quarter-point rise in hase rates to 6 per cent, but the Chancellor has declined so far to follow this inclination, citing a lack of obvious inflation pressures. On balance, the markets believe Mr Clarke will continue to hold out against higher rates, anxious to avoid political unpopularity in the run-up to the election and to maximise consumer confidence.

Tomorrow is even more crucial for world stocks and bonds with a key meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee. There appears to be a good chance that the Fed will vote in favour of a quarter-point rise in the federal funds rate as an insurance policy against inflationary pressures. Although there have been signs that the economy has been slowing down after a blistering second quarter and most price indicators have remained subdued, there has been some evidence that wages are beginning to pick up.

In Britain, the first key economic statistic is tomorrow's final second-quarter gross domestic product figure, expected to confirm growth at 0.4 per cent. The current account in the second quarter is predicted to have been in deficit to the tune of £1.2 billion. The next UK release comes on Thursday, with July global trade figures expected to show a deficit of about £800 million compared with a shortfall in June of £1.1 billion.

August non-European Union trade is also predicted to have been in deficit by £800 million, a widening from July's shortfall of £506 million. In the US, the key statistic will be final second-quarter GDP on Friday. The previous reading put growth at 4.8 per cent. The markets' focus will then switch to Saturday's Group of Seven meeting in Washington.

JANET BUSH

- SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Sell BPP: Buy Bemrose: Hold Inchcape. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Horace Clarkson, Hays & Robertson; Hold Blenheim. Independent on Sunday: Buy Asda Property, Logica: Avoid Simon Engineering, Cairn Energy. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Datrontech. Games Workshop; Sell Pet City.

GILT-EDGED

EMU a worry for Labour, too

he high and widening spread of gilts over bunds reflects three sets of risks — economic, political and European Monetary Union, Gilts have underperformed most other European bond markets since the

middle of the year.
This is in spite of ten-year yields falling about 15bp to around 74 per cent. Spreads against Germany have wid-ened from about 150bp to 180. A number of other markets have seen spreads against Germany narrow - notably "second wave" EMU candidates, such as Sweden, Spain and Italy. Spreads of "first wave" candidates, such as France and Belgium, have been stabler.

The economic risks for gilts are clearest - a strengthening consumer-led recovery, problems in containing the PSBR. and growing criticism of the Treasury's monetary stance hy the Bank of England. concerned about inflation

The political risks are

shorter-term and the premium to cover them is excessive. There is concern that policy ahead of the election is too lax. There is also uncertainty about the economic policy of a Labour government. However. Labour would pursue a very conservative fiscal and monetary policy at first to establish credibility. This will make the political risk premi-

The most interesting risks

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relate to EMU. In summer, gilts seemed to offer two benefits to international investors. First, it was clear that most countries, including France and Germany, would struggle to meet the economic criteria for EMU entry. The Germans were emphasising that these criteria were paramount. If there were doubts about the timing and suitability of EMU, the risk premium in the yield of "non-participant" countries such as Denmark and the UK was too high. Second, with the increasing cert-ainty of a change of government in the UK, a number of

investors saw Labour as likelier to go into EMU.

Over summer, EMU gained momentum. The new consensus is that too much political capital is invested in EMU for it to fail. It is increasingly seen as a purely political decision in which the economic criteria will be fudged - as in last week's French budget. So, EMU aspirants have outperformed the UK.

owever, the new higher-risk premia in gilts again give them attractive defensive characteristics for international bond managers. EMU is largely priced into markets outside the UK and Denmark. The collapse of the ERM and the near-failure of Maastricht ratification in 1992 show the problems that can hit the EU's grand designs.

That second advantage of holding gilts in the summer was to benefit from a change of government from "anti-EMU" Tories to more "pro-EMU" Labour. This may also have been reassessed. Some analysts think Labour is just as divided as the Conservatives on EMU and that these divisions will come to the fore in

There is a more serious threat to Labour. Lengthy EMU legislation could prove a

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rallying point for the new Tory opposition. Labour's di-lemma is that it does not want to waste its first 18 months in office on EMU. It is not the issue a new Labour government would choose to give it political momentum. There are few votes in EMU and the economic benefits are marginal, at best.

The markets may start to ask whether early EMU entry is really any likelier under Labour than the Conservatives. Labour's desire to keep EMU options open, while guiding economic policy to meet Maastricht targets, is little different from that of Kenneth Clarke, or, for all his mounting Euro-scepticism, that of John Major. Neither Labour nor the Conservatives are likely to take sterling into EMU in the first wave. But if EMU survives, either party

would be likely to limp in late. For multi-currency investors, the main case for holding gilts is not that EMU entry is likelier under Labour than the current Government. It is as a backstop should EMU euphoria be pricked by delay, doubt or collapse. If it is, gilts will be one of Europe's best per-formers, not one of the worst.

> **DOUGLAS JONES** Gartmore Investment Management

Labour 'lifeboat' plan for fleet By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

LABOUR is to launch an attack on the Government's shipping policy tomorrow, accusing ministers of a betrayal of one of the nation's vital

jobs since 1979. In a speech to the National Union of Maritime Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers, Glenda Jackson, left. Labour's newly appointed shipping spokeswoman, will unveil plans to save the fast-

declining British registered fleet from further decline. The proposed "lifeboat" will include more backing for training British seamen. Tax breaks for British shipping industries at a cost of 40,000 companies have not been

ruled out. Ms Jackson will accuse the Government of allowing Britain to sink to 22nd in the league table of world fleets, behind countries such as Malta, Cyprus and St Vincent. Labour has also

launched a campaign in seven key Tory marginals where jobs have been lost in the shipping industry.

"What ministers have done to British merchant shipping is nothing short of piracy. Ms Jackson said.

On the same day John Prescott, the deputy Labour steward, is due to launch a national helpline for merchant

MAM offers deal to Kepit shareholders

By MARTIN BARROW

MERCURY Asset Management (MAM) hopes to take advantage of the uncertainty over the future of Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit).

MAM's Mercury European Privatisation Trust (Mept) is offering Kepit's 60,000 shareholders a facility to exchange their ordinary shares and warrants for Mept shares through the Mercury Investment Trust Savings Plan without any dealing charges. Only the 0.5 per cent stamp duty vill apply.

Under the facility Kepit shares and warrants will be sold in the market and the proceeds invested in Mept shares. A deadline of October 14 has been set for applications, subject to change. Kepit is the target of rival

bids from Kleinwort Benson-M&G and Touche Remnant European Growth Trust. Other fund managers have for mally expressed their interest. Kepit's board has recommended the Kleinwort offer. MAM also announced it will be waiving dealing

charges (normally I per cent with a £60 maximum) until the end of 1996 for all investors wishing to purchase Mept shares for cash under the savings plan.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43 CIRCUMFORANEOUS

(b) Wandering from house to house. From the Latin circum around and about • foris out of doors, abroad. Thus, a Mormon, a Jehovah's Witness, a postman, an Avon Lady, a hungry cat, or

(c) Knobbly, knotty. from the Latin nodus a knot. The noun is nodosity. When you express concern about Uncle Reginald's genual nodosity, you are in fact doing no more than commenting on his knobbly knees.

EUMORPHOUS

(a) Well-formed. From the Greek eu well + morphe shape or form. "Ah, the eumorphous Miss Alberge. Come in, my dear,

MINIMIFIDIANISM

(c) Having almost no faith or belief. From the Latin minimus least + fides, fidens faith, believing. The condition of a commuter wondering whether a Circle Line train will ever arrive. of a freelance journalist told that the cheque is in the post, and of a parent wondering whether tecnagers will put their dirty clothes in the laundry basket rather than on the floor under the bed.

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Share swap in ADT merger challenged

THE multibillion-dollar merger between ADT, the British security and car auction group, and Republic Industries, a US waste disposal company, is in serious trouble. The proposed deal has run into opposition from Western Resources, a

leading shareholder. Western Resources, a US utility company that owns 24 per cent of ADT, has said it objects to the deal and intends to stop it.

In a filing with the Securi-ties & Exchange Commission it said it found that the all-share nature of the deal made it unacceptable.

Ron Castell, a spokesman for Republic, said: "We've had no conversations with Western yet, but we don't believe they can stop the

utility company in America, is known on Wall Street as an gressive player.

It could greatly strengthen its hand against Republic if it exercised permission, recently granted by government, to buy up to 50 per cent of ADT common shares.

Even if Western cannot stop the merger outright it may be able to force better terms to be offered. Wall Street analysts are speculating that Western may even want to buy ADT

When the deal was struck in July and Republic's shares were worth around \$29 each, it was valued at about \$5

Republic's share price has since dipped to about \$20. although recently it recovered to \$28. At this level it would represent a substantial profit lic shares in the merger - for

\$14.5 a share. However, Western says that because of the volatility in Republic's share price it does not want to own the shares. It may press for a cash element in the deal, which would upset the careful financial calculations that make the merger

The deal was struck in July between Michael Ashcroft, chairman of ADT, and Wayne Huizenga, the acquisitive head of Republic, who has developed the company through 50 acquisitions in the

past 18 months.

The deal would turn Republic into an international home security, car auction and waste disposal group.

Mr Huizenga began to build up Republic after selling out of Blockbuster Entertain-



Stuart Wilson, a former conductor, and Terri Jane Larkin, 11, try out Music Maker, the new Music Sales CD-Rom game

GGT deal signals bonus for staff

GGT GROUP, the advertising agency, may be forced to offer as much as £5 million for a half stake in a public relations company that is part owned by BDDP, the French group it

plans to buy for £105 million. The deal could give bonuses of up to £200,000 each to staff

part of a deal completed only a few weeks ago. BDDP bought a 70 per cent stake in Financial Dynamics, the public relations company, in 1990 in a deal which is estimated to have cost the French group more than £12 million.

As part of a complicated earn-out deal it then bought the remaining 30 per cent from eight directors of Finan-

excess of £3 million, an equivalent of £375,000 each. BDDP then handed a 49 per cent stake in the company to the employees, with the shares placed in an offshore trust for tax reasons. The majority of the shares would go to the group's partners, which now number 18. The deal includes a clause that obliges the buyer

recent deal values Financial Dynamics at more than £10 million, GGT may have to offer a further £5 million, valuing each of the partners'

stakes at nearly £200,000. Some partners of Financial Dynamics are seeking legal advice, but Mark Bayliss, GGT finance director, said the group would not have to buy the employees' interests.

Pan Am is ready to fly again

PAN AM, one of the great names of aviation until its collapse five years ago, will take to the skies again this week (Martin Barrow

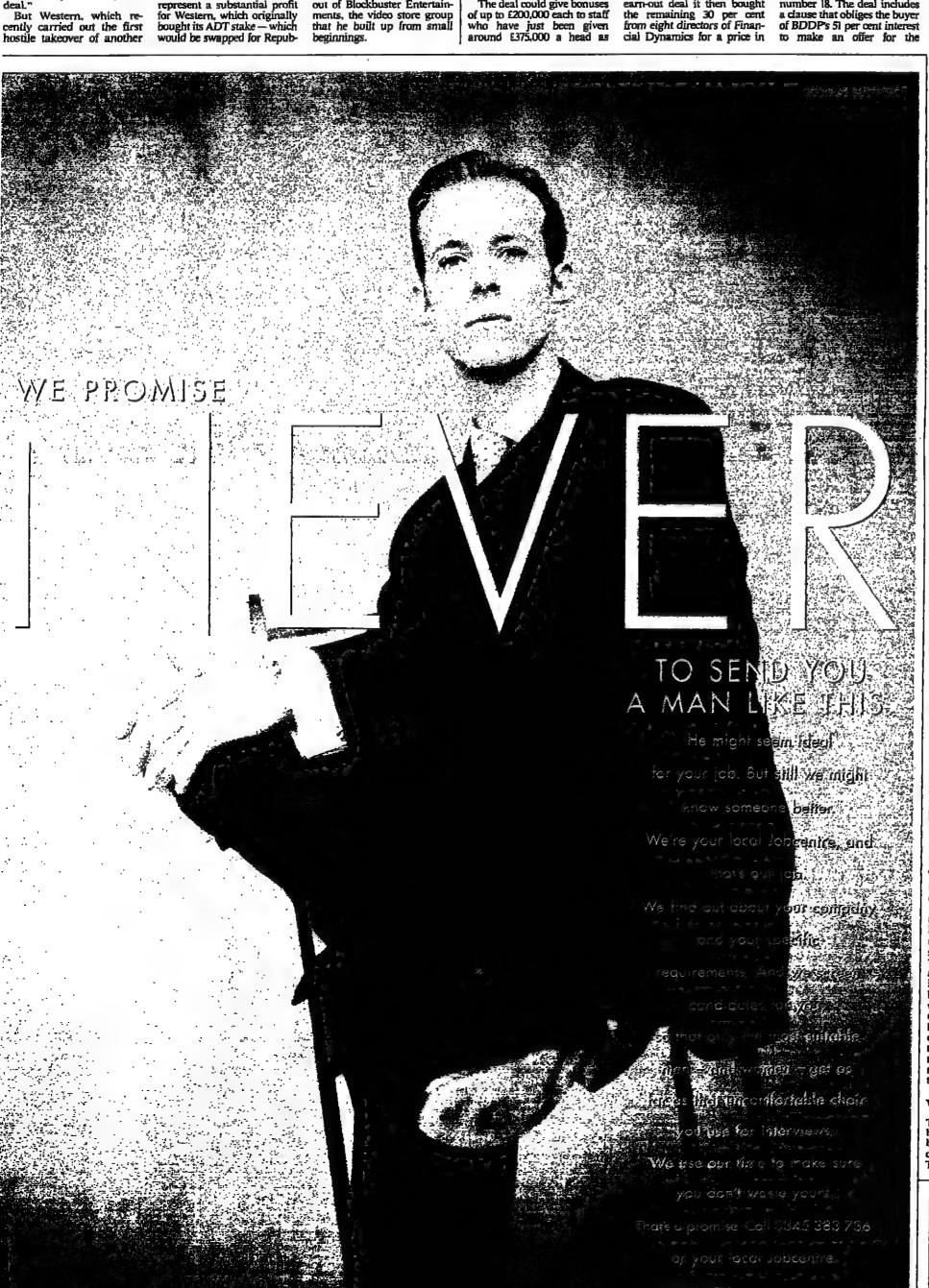
writes). Its first flight will take off from Miami for John F. Kennedy Airport in New York on Thursday and there will also be a flight from New York to Los Angeles. Pan Am plans one daily flight on each

The US Department of Transportation gave its clearance for the new Pan Am to begin operations last week.

The new company is a modest outfit offering cheap fares and hoping to reap the benefits of an illustrious name.

The old Pan Am, which flew from 1927 until it collapsed in 1991 in the aftermath of the Lockerbie bombing, is still being

liquidated in a federal bankruptcy court. Charles Cobb, an entrepreneur from Florida, pought the name and logo of Pan American World Airways from the estate for \$1.3 million.



Scrap over litter bins in prospect

A MEMO is circulating among directors at the Corporation of London offering them the chance to bid for a litter bin. Increased security in the City means the clean-ing department has 1,000 bins for disposal. There are four types, some 1.5 metres in height and weighing up to 360kg. Department heads are being encouraged to grab the bins before bidding begins this week. The memo points out the "attractive" cast metal crest attached to the bins, and adds: "Although primarily used as a litter bin, the type l free-standing variety also makes an attractive planter."

Pudding paradise

PICKWICK Pudding will be on the menu again from Wednesday when the George & Vulture opens its doors after its £750,000 refurbishment. Fortunately for regulars at Charles Dickens's old watering hole opposite the Royal Exchange, any changes to the building will not be visible. Ray Hall, manager and Spurs supporter, will still be there, serving his much-sought-after steak and kidney pudding complete with an oyster.

DOING the rounds is the one about Elm House, home of the Serious Fraud Office. suggesting the building is to be renamed Maxwell House.



O'Reilly: sparkling host

Conversation gem

TONY O'REILLY continues to dine off his most romantic of gestures - parting with £1.75 million to buy his wife the diamond ring that once belonged to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Brian Patterson, chief executive at Waterford Wedgwood. another of Mr Bean's many interests, tells me that when he and his wife were dining with O'Reilly in their Castlemartin mansion recently, he was seated next to the diamond. It was quite a talking point," whispers Pat-terson. "My wife was allowed try it on, and she hasn't been

Walpole warriors

THE Walpole Committee is busy packing its bags today before flying off to the States on its first major trip overseas. The group that was formed

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four years ago to promote British excellence overseas, by companies including Beefester Gin and the Savoy Group. sponsoring an evening at the swanky Tavern on the Green in Central Park. To mark the event, a seven-foot model of Concorde and a Range Rover will be parked in the restaurant garden. Walker's shortbread cocktail oatcakes will be served as canapés, and empty whisky barrels are being flown over for a Glenfiddich bar. The Earl of Lichfield will also be there with his new exhibition of photographs "Lichfield's Britain".

GILES SHEPARD, general manager at the Ritz, is playing the loyalty card and extending his hospitality to hungry fellow members of his private club. While White's Club on St James's Street. only minutes away from the Ritz, is gutting its kitchen, Mr Shepard is inviting members to enjoy a menu created especially for them at the Ritz - and at a discount price. Anyone would think he was trying to attract new business.

Bar know-how

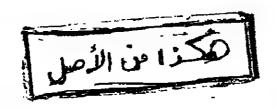
RICHARD SHERWOOD. owner of Ashwick House Hotel in Exmoor, overlooking the wooded Barle Valley, has come up with a novel scheme for keeping kleptomaniac guests at bay. Sherwood tells me that he has put up notices above the minibars in all his Edwardian rooms stating: 'We have learnt that you need a razor blade to cut the seal around a mini vodka bottle. You can then drink the contents and fill it up with water. For whisky and rum it is a little more difficult, but if you order early morning tea, you can fill the bottles with unmilked tea."

Impeccable sauce

THE Guild of Aviation Artists' latest quarterly newsletter reports that visitors to its recent exhibition were asked to note how they had heard of the event. The Times was high on the list, and an advertisement in another national newspaper was noted by one visitor. The same number, in fact, as had received the nformation from another venerable source - "slept with the artist".

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TUESDAY'S 10P TIMES SEE VOUCHER ON PAGE 10



Hopes over

monetary

union lifted

by new ERM

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN DUBLIN

THE European dream of the euro. The stability sys-

tem. which envisages levy-

ing a heavy fine on

delinquent governments, was intended to "underline

the credibility of the zone

Key details in the plan

have still to be resolved

before EU leaders give it their blessing in Dublin in

December. Germany, which

has been leading the drive

for tough and rapid sanc-

tions on wayward govern-ments, wants them to

deposit 0.25 per cent of gross

domestic product for each

percentage point of deficit beyond 3 per cent of GDP.

the ceiling set in the Maas-

tricht treaty. Failure to re-turn to fiscal virtue would

cause the deposit to be

states want less. There is

broad agreement on the

need for a grace period of

about nine months and for

special exceptions which

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said he was

satisfied with

progress at the Dublin

session. This

also included

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holding together", he said.

monetary union moved clos-

er to reality yesterday after a

session at which ministers

approved machinery for

EU finance ministers and

stabilising the future euro.

central bank governors meeting in Dublin Castle

agreed on a new exchange-

rate mechanism (ERM) that

will link currencies outside

the EMU zone with the

euro. as the future currency

is to be called, and cleared

the way for a system for

dissuading governments in-

side monetary union from

excessive public spending.

Praise from Kenneth
Clarke, Chancellor of the

Exchequer, for monetary

union appeared to reflect a

psychological shift across Europe as the EU completes

the foundations for its most

ambitious project since the

European community was

founded in 1957. "It seems

some people are seeing the light," said

Jean Arthuis.

the French

only

pay up 26% under **Tories**

The state of the s

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

THE take-home pay of British workers increased by 26 per cent in real terms between 1979 and 1994, a report claims today. That figure, calculated

after taking account of inflation, compares with real increases of 1.8 per cent for French and 2.5 per cent for German workers over the same period, according to the economist Walter Eltis, who analysed data from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

In his survey of the consequences of the last 17 years of Conservative economic policies, published by the Centre for Policy Studies. Dr Eltis states that Japanese workers saw their real take-home pay increase by 21.2 per cent between 1979 and 1994 while in the United States

it fell by 7.2 per cent. He emphasises that the bulk of the British increase in take-home pay occurred before 1992. Between 1992 and 1994 it rose just 0.2 per

Dr Eltis, chief economic adviser to Michael Heseltine while he was President of the Board of Trade from 1992 until 1995, said: "When the period since 1979 is considered as a whole, unskilled workers obtained substantial pay increases in Britain and skilled workers still greater increases, while real take-home pay stagnated in the leading European economies and fell in the United States."

Dr Eltis points out that at first sight it would appear startling that comparative wages per worker have risen so much in Britain when consumption per head rose at much the same rate as in France

and Germany. This has occurred because British taxation has been rearranged so that it falls far less heavily on productive activity." He points out that since 1980 increases in benefit payments have been linked to the rate of price inflation, rather than wage inflation.

Workers' MMC verdict on South West Water bids ready for Lang

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) will this week submit to Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, its verdict on the rival bids by Wessex Water and Severn Trent for South West

Mr Lang, who is thought unlikely to announce his decision for at least six weeks, will be acutely aware that clear-ance for both bids will herald a new wave of consolidation in the privatised utility sector at a sensitive time in the run-up to the general election.

lan Byart, the water regulator, and consumer groups oppose the merger of rival water companies because of the likely erosion of comparison in the industry needed to gauge performance and for pricing controls to be applied. There are further fears that it will become more difficult to detect cross-subsidies involving water supply, which is regulated, and waste management, which is not.

It is thought, however, that if bidders can offer sufficient customer benefits, promising lower bills, they should be able to silence critics. Water charges in the South West are

among the highest in the UK. Sharon Dee, of the Consumers' Association, said: "Ideally we wouldn't want to see any reduction in comparitors but we also recognise that the South West has had problems and we would want to see what was on offer for custom-



Ian Lang's decision on the politically sensitive hids by Wessex and Severn Trent is expected within six weeks

ers. There are many trade-offs possible. These are changing times for the industry."

The cases for and against Severn Trent and Wessex are different, but it is doubtful that the MMC would recommend one bid and block the other.

While Wessex will argue benefits will derive from the joint operation of neighbouring water companies, the larg-

Nimrod 2000 replacement

surveillance aircraft in July,

will tip the balance in Racal's

the contract. A decision is

expected before the end of this

contract would help to secure

month. The award of the

jobs at Crawley in West Sus-

sex and Leicester and at

Linlithgow in Lothian.

Racal is up against GEC-Marconi and America's Lock-heed Martin Corporation for er Severn Trent claims its greater resources and finan-cial muscle will provide greater customer benefits.

Size, however, may actually work against Severn Trent. Should its bid succeed, it would have about one in five of all English and Welsh water

If the MMC advises against the bids for South West it is likely to be on the grounds of protecting the customer from too large a water company and maintaining the mechanics of regulation within the

Since Severn Trent and Wessex targeted South West the company has set about a programme of improvements that its predators privately admit has yielded results. If proceed it is likely there will be other contenders. Southern Company, the US utility whose prospective bid for National Power was vetoed, has been linked with South

Southern already has a controlling interest in Sweb,

the electricity company that

Finance Min-The Chancellor's most ence so far of EMU, which just stopped short of calling for definite British entry. added to the image of dis-

array which London is presenting, other minis-Quinn: bridges crossed

ters said. Ruairi Quinn, the Irish Finance Minister and chairman of the Dublin session, said: "The British voice is not clear. Britain is failing to carry the full punch it should have in

these discussions." France, Germany and the handful of other likely founders of the euro are eager to bind Britain into the currency. Their biggest worry is that London will stay out and vantage" by refusing to join the new ERM and allowing the pound to slide against the euro. Aiming at Britain, M Arthuis renewed French demands for sanctions against member states which "disrupted" the euro-zone with

such behaviour. Mr Clarke strongly supported the so-called "stabilty pact" for ensuring that countries maintain fiscal discipline once they have swapped their currencies for

fining the mal launch. While optimism over EMU now abounds among the northern states, the anxiety is growing along Europe's southern tier, where Italy. Spain, Greece and Portugal are worried that they will be excluded and relegated to a second-

class Europe. They embraced the newstyle ERM, which will see currencies pivot around the euro with a 15 per cent margin for fluctuation, as a half-way house to member ship of the inner circle.

Mr Quinn, whose country will find it difficult to join EMU without Britain, hailed the weekend session as the completion of a ministerial planning effort that opened in Versailles in early 1995. "A lot of the particular bridges or difficulties associated with the single currency project have been identified and successfully

Racal on target for £80m MoD contract

By MARTIN BARROW

favour.

RACAL ELECTRONICS is chosen by the MoD for the close to securing an £80 million Ministry of Defence contract for new surveillance radar for the Royal Navy's Sea King helicopter Deet.

The contract, following on from the £40 million contract to supply China with early warning radar, will be a variant of Racal's Searchwater radar system.

Sources close to the deal believe that the success of the Searchwater radar system, and the fact that it was also

BA awaits referral decision

By Jon Ashworth



Ayling: wants open skies

BRITISH AIRWAYS may learn this week whether its proposed alliance with American Airlines is to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The Office of Fair Trading is expected to pass its recommendation to lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, by the end of the month. It remains unclear how long Mr Lang will take to decide on his course of action.

The proposed alliance has been criticised by rivals including Virgin Atlantic, which American would dominate the

north Atlantic route. BA, whose chief executive is Robert Ayling, and American say an open skies agreement between America and the UK - a precondition for an alliance would increase competition and drive down fares.
The UK and US Govern-

ments have yet to set a date for resuming talks on "open skies". American carriers want open access to UK airports, rights to fly onwards to other destinations and guaranteed access to Heathrow. for British carriers in the US.

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Fitness First ready to join AIM

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Philip Bassett on the push for European works councils

Phoney war comes to an end

he first company to face legal requirements that come into force today to set up a European-style consultative works council is likely to be BTR, the UK-based industrial conglomerate. This comes in spite of the UK Government's formal opt-out from new Brussels employment law. Trade union leaders from nine

BTR centres across Europe met in London last week to plan an enforcement strategy against the company in what may well be the first move of many to increase employee involve-ment in big companies often in the face of employer opposition. With the passing yesterday of the

deadline for the voluntary introduction of European works councils (EWCs) under a European Union legal directive, companies that have not yet brought in such arrangements to inform and consult their workforces on key business issues

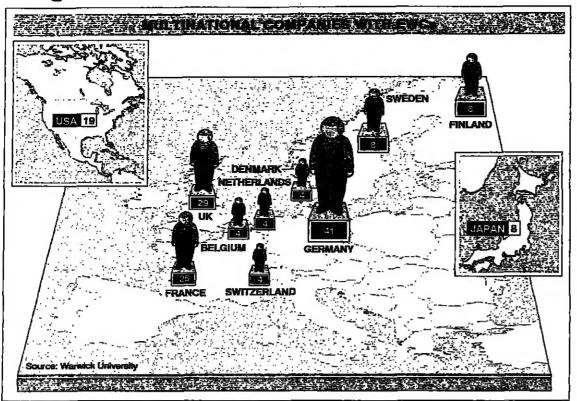
face a legal battle with Europe.

Business must now take stock of how far EWCs have come, in spite of the Government's opt-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty, as the deadline for their voluntary introduction passes. While most companies affected by the directive have not yet introduced an EWC, the rush of UK companies doing so within the past week or so -Ford, Barclays. Courtaulds and even. most controversially, the Conservative-supporting Hanson for some of its subsidiaries - indicates how extensive the impact has been.

The legal implications of the EWC directive are complex enough to make corporate lawvers rub their hands in anticipation of fat fees, and to keep Britain's business organisations sending out rivers of advice. but, in broad terms, the directive passed in September 1994, but which came into force yesterday — sets down that:

☐ Transnational companies with at least 1.000 employees across the EU. including at least 150 in two separate member states, will have to introduce an EWC. Although the UK's opt-out means that Britain is exempted from introducing the directive into its national law. UK-based transnational companies that fit this threshold are required to introduce it. While they do not have to include their UK employees within the scope of an EWC. most are doing so to avoid

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Companies affected had until yesterday to introduce agreed arrangements for EWCs, which has allowed them to reach deals best suited to their businesses — though from today such deals can be legally challenged. ☐ From today an EWC can be triggered by 100 employees in two EU member states, or their representatives, setting up a special negotiating body to establish an EWC. ☐ If that fails to agree an EWC, one

will have to be introduced in line with strict rules laid down by the directive. Although Germany, with its strength in chemicals and metalworking which are the sectors where most EWCs have been set up, has the highest number. British companies have been setting up EWCs faster than any EU member state in spite of the UK opt-out. In Britain, almost one in three of the companies that will be affected by the directive have already done so, compared with about one in seven in Germany and one in eight in France.

UK-based companies that have agreed EWCs before yesterday's deadline include Bass, GKN, Zeneca, NatWest, Pearson, Guinness, BT, ICI. Norwich Union, Pilkington,

T&N, Arjo Wiggins Appleton, Scottish & Newcastle and BOC. British Steel, for instance, agreed its EWC at the end of July for all its 53,000 employees in the 14 countries in the 14 countries in which it operates - although 85 per cent are in the UK, and their representatives will take the majority of the 29 employee seats on the EWC, which will meet twice yearly and will be chaired by Brian Moffat, BS's chief executive

United Biscuits was the first UK company to sign an EWC deal two years ago, and both the company and the GMB, its principal trade union, say it has now bedded down well. Mike Wilkinson, UB's human resources director, said: "I think the employees have been taken aback by the amount and quality of information given to them. Management has been impressed by the constructive questions."

UB acknowledges that it introduced its EWC early to avoid the more rigid requirements of the

directive. Business, echoed by government ministers, claims this is precisely what the opt-out is meant to achieve more generally, by preserv-

ing choice for companies.

We feel vindicated in opposing the directive," says John Cridland, CBI human resources director, "because of the wide variety of decisions that companies have made and the fact that there is no obvious pattern; that is precisely why we argued that a fixed works council was the wrong way to do it at the European level."

otions about EWCs have

spread, too, into companies not directly affected. Works council arrangements are likely to be challenged at, for example, Marks & Spencer and Pepsico, where unions believe they do not fit the directive properly. But, even in companies not "in scope" of the directive, as the Euro-jargon puts it, the idea is in place: J Sainsbury, for instance, recently set up consultative staff

councils. Peter Reid, European director

of the EEF engineering employers, which attracted right-wing criticism when it advised companies closely on what to do as yesterday's deadline drew nearer, praises the pragmatism of UK companies: "For a lot, this has been something which they have not wished to do. But they have taken a

rational approach. They have got on with it — wanting to do it well."

But what EWC analysts are now focusing on is what will take place from today. In Britain, about 40 multinationals within scope of the directive have missed the deadline, or chosen not to take action, including GEC, Cookson, Kingfisher, Williams Holdings, Laird, Tarmac, GrandMet, Burmah Castrol, TI and

Lucas. Although technically the voluntary deadline has now passed, EWC experts believe that a new voluntary push will be directed at such companies. Those which do not comply John Monks, TUC General Secre-

face triggering an EWC if they refuse. tary, says today: "Many companies will regret letting slip the chance to take the voluntary approach. Now they must comply with the stricter provisions of European law — and the unions will be making sure they

Refuctant company responses will be helped by the so-far patchy implementation into national law of the EWC directive. Forthcoming research by Mark Hall at Warwick University for the EWC Bulletin, a specialist works council journal, will show that so far only six countries — Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Norway and Sweden - have EWC provisions in place, although others including Germany and France are likely to do so by the end of the year. Even so, EWC campaigners believe that the widespread introduction of works councils in the UK ahead of yesterday's deadline, and their likely further spread, makes a nonsense of the Government's opt-out.

"The social opt-out is a farce." says John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union. This demonstrates that business is taking a practical view - even if the Conservative Government doesn't want them to." What companies like BTR and others are now likely to find is that, on consulting their employees, that prac-tical view is from today backed by RADIO CHOICE

Great Gatsby, . great radio

Book at Bedtime: The Great Gatsby. Radio 4. 10.45pm.

It takes three pages of Gatsby, perhaps less, to know that what we are It takes three pages of Gatshy, perhaps less, to know that what we are reading is a 20th-century masterpiece. It takes less than three minutes of Sam Robards's reading of the novel, adapted by Neville Teller, to know that the same is true of what we hear tonight. Robards is the son of screen stars Lauren Bacall and Jason Robards. The elusive nature of F. Scott Fitzgerald's writing, hinting at things rather than positively defining them, demands a reader of exceptional sensitivity. Robards is such a reader. Tonight's is only the first episode (of ten), but it is already clear that what we have here is a treatment of Gatshy that is much more attuned to Scott Fitzgerald than the 1949 and 1974 cinema versions. than the 1949 and 1974 cinema versions.

Beethoven's Archduke. Radio 3, 1.00pm.

This is music of friendship and gratitude. A good biography couldn't tell us more about Beethoven and his generous patron. Archduke Rudolph of Austria. Beethoven dedicated his Piano Trio Op 97 to the Archduke to whom he had taught music for 20 years, on and off. They were the best of friends. Beethoven could come and go as he pleased in the royal apartments, and in return for the many works he dedicated to the Archduke, Rudolph composed a set of variations on a theme of Beethoven. He also ensured Beethoven's solvency provided theme of Beethoven. He also ensured Beethoven's solvency provided he remained in Vienna, which he did. The Archduke is played loday by the Kalichstein/Laredo/Robinson Trio.

Peter Davalle

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10.00 Ensembles. Introduced by Penny Gore with Robert Plane, clarinet, Philip Dukes, viota, and Sophia Rahman, plane. But finite Pierce.

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Budd, American amblent composer and collaborator with Brian Eno, the Cocteau

wins and Andy Partridge

stampede, what happened to the new generation of British lezz musicians as the dust began to settle? John Fordham charts their

Cats offered a licence to remain fat

hat is a fat cat? A witty utility boss, asked if he might be asked if he might be one, claimed he was merely a slightly overweight moggy. That was not just a play on words. The message is that he is doing well thank you, but is not one of those millionaires demonised by Gordon Brown who send their sons to Eton.

Utility bosses inhabit a freefire zone in the battle of political cant over top people's рау. Even John Major condemns them, though he favours capitalists doing as well as they can. He needs to pander to popular feeling against highly paid captains of

industry loading more into their own wallets as they deny or sack employees. Labour's stance is only subtly different. By attacking bosses of privatised monopolies. it can pretend they are profiting at consumers' expense while claiming to befriend

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competitive private business. That distinction is false. Chief executives of all big quoted groups have to compete for the favours of fund managers, who themselves compete with each other in portfolio performance. Success is measured, in the eye of the beholder, by share price.

Eliminating punitive tax-ation, once blamed for escalating nominal pay, gave boards a bigger incentive to pay themselves more. The spiral has several motors. American influence was one. Board pay is driven by the market in finance directors, whose benchmarks are set by earnings of partners in big accoun-

tancy firms. Pay set by one's peers tends to be generous. From that rising base, chief executives' pay is ratcheted up by a star system, as in enterainment or sport. And if your company does not need to sign an expensive star to improve performance, you would not like to give the impression that your own chief is a secondrater on second-rate pay.

Pop stars' millions, much resented a generation ago, are now accepted as the outcome of market forces. That acceptance does not extend to pay of business leaders, few of whom are credited with giving pleasure to millions. An Incomes Data Services analysis found that rewards of top paid directors' in FT-SE 100 companies went up by 12.6 per cent to an average £685,000 in 12 months, and basic pay by 7.1 per cent. By comparison, employees' modest average earnings rose 3.8 per cent.

If market forces produce unacceptable gaps in living standards, the sensible way to redress the balance is through taxation. But tax cannot properly make a distinction between incomes earned by the socially OK and non-OK. So Labour, which now finds it politically convenient to abjure higher tax rates for high earners, is left to rail against

the market mechanism and pretend that greater powers would do the trick. That is another illusion. Investors knock out the worst excesses if they have the chance. But they are more likely to sack a mediocre boss and hire

an even more expensive one than to vote a pay cut. Hand-wringing and cat-calling wringing aside, the future of fat cats is assured. The pressing issue is how to become one. How can you stop being an overhead to be paid a standard wage as low as possible and become a vital ingredient for success, to be recruited regardless of cost?

The best way is to get yourself on a league table. Box office and record charts forced the scramble to sign top entertainers. League tables drive the pay of football managers, goal tallies the fees of strikers. Ratings drive demand for fund managers and City analysts. As in the share price tables, you do not need to win. Star fees drag also-rans up in their wake. How silly of teachers to oppose league tables of exam results. Rich schools are already beginning to poach top-performing headmasters.

Bidding up star pay to absurd levels has little to do with success. Sir Brian Pitman of Lloyds, the most successful banker of his generation, came up through the ranks, as did the architects of the modern BTR. Liverpool Football Club found that, once it established a system, humble homegrown managers were the best. Having to buy in at high prices is a sign of management failure. But don't tell anyone,

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Andrew MacGregor. Bruckner (String Quartet in F): Respight (Ancient Airs and Danoas Suite No.1); Scherbe (Sinfonia a 16 in D); Beethoven (String Quartet in D, Op 18 No 3); Debussy (Prefer al Ances Debussy (Pretude a l'Apres-Midi d'un Faune); Roussell (Symphony No 3 in D minor)

asomang copection, with Paul Gambaccini, Nielsen (Overture: Helios); Verdi (Ballet: La Peregrina); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in

Musical Encounters.
Beethoven (Des Kriegers
Abscheid); Lock (Psyche: Act
1); Mozart (Quintet in E liat,
K452); Hahn (Tynderis);
Debussy (Trois Charssons de Charles D'Orleans): Wegner (Des Rheingeld, excerpt);
Adams (The Chairman Dances); Carter (Across the Yard).

12.00 Composers of the Weelc The Court of James VI 12.30pm Across The Borders. The first of five programmes,

The first of five programmes, to accompany the Composers of the Week series, featuring music in Europe during the reign of James V of Scotland

1.00 News; Seethoven's Archduke. See Choice

2.00 The BBC Orchestra. The BBC Scotlish Symphony Orchestra under Robin Hollowsy and Mark-Anthony Turnage. Hollowsy (Wagner Nights); Turnage (Your Rockaby); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor)

3.45 Volces. Ian Burnelde takes to the road with some Wanderlust songs (r)

Antionin Dvořák (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby
Fairweather. Alan Skidmore
leads his quartet through a
studio-recorded set of music made famous by John Colfrane
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, Inchdes 1.00 Verdi, Tchaitovsky and Brahms 3.00 Schoots

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 7.19 Ferming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Swiss Family Perelman. Lou Hirsch reads from this classic book of comic world travel book of comic world travel 8,58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn

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4.46 Short Story: A Bit of Company, by Colin Greenland

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6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 News Quiz A satirical look
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Hamilton, Tony Banks, MP,
Jeremy Hardy and Times
columnist Alan Coren (f) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Food Programme. In the first of a new series,

Derek Cooper goes on the bed and breakfast trail in Hereford (r)
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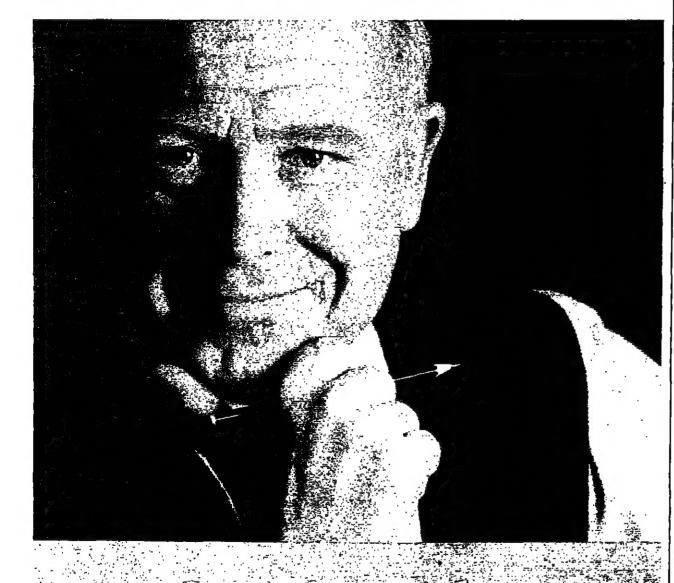
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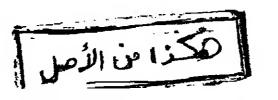
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Prime suspects and impossible dreamers

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ost prime ministers walk up the steps of walk up the steps of Downing Street on their toes and walk down them for the last time on their heels. The reason for this altered bearing is selfdelusion: they thought they were elected to govern the country whereas their real job is to provide an object of abuse for the rest of us. Indeed, prime minister used to

be a term of abuse, meaning somebody who got above himself, as Michael Cockerell reported in last night's How To Be Prime Minister (BBC2). Cockerell is the BBC's top man at the flesh-onbones political documentary. but we learnt more from this programme about how not to be a prime minister than the reverse. Perhaps the job defeats objective analysis as surely as it defeats subjective execution.

The notion of a prime minister as first among equals is long gone. Robert Walpole first turned what had been a description of a role into the title of an albeit underdefined job 300 years ago. Since, most prime ministers have been notable more for their power over political lives than as engines of real change. As Tony Benn said last night: "The power of patronage is the glue that holds every-

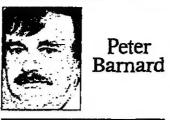
thing together." One striking sequence involved the arrival of Edward Heath at Downing Street in 1970 and Margaret Thatcher's accession nine years later. Heath's aim: "Where there are differences to bring reconciliation." Thatcher's aim: "Where there is discord may we bring harmony." Either different realities employ similar rhetoric, or the realities are not so different after all.

The section in which Joe Haines. former press secretary to Harold Wilson, revealed that Wilson wanted the Foreign Office to have ldi Amin assassinated has received wide coverage. The FO ap-parently rejected this request on the ground that it didn't have anybody to do the job. An under-staffed FO? Hasten the day.

hat emerged last night was a tale of desperation. a hopeless quest to succeed against the tide of paperwork and the deadly whirlpools of crisis management. Beyond that, Cock-erell highlighted differences of personality: Heath in 1970 feeling no sense of destiny ("you just get on with the job") whereas James Callaghan in 1976 stood at the Cabinet table for the first time feeling "almost a religious sensation".

We saw three Prime Ministers, Wilson, Heath and Major, being asked by three interviewers a question along the lines of: "A year ago you were 20 points ahead in the polls, now you are the most unpopular Prime Minister in living memory. Why is that?" To REVIEW

Peter



which none of them gave the only sensible answer: why not?

Peter Hennessy, a professor of modern history, offered the quali-ties for a successful prime minister: "The panache and flair of a Disraeli, the grandeur of a Gladstone, the brains of an Asquith, the balls of a Lloyd George, the consensual skills of a Baldwin, the wordpower of a Churchill, the administrative gifts of an Attlee, style of a Macmillan and the sleep requirements of a Thatcher."

If that is the recipe, we should not expect the cake to be baked any time soon. Even if it was, something resembling BSE or a minister caught in bed with a wannabe actress would soon arrive to make this paragon the most unpopular prime minister in living memory. One of the most popular comedy

creations in living memory was Reginald Perrin, who departed our screens when Leonard Rossiter. who played him, died in 1984. David Nobbs wrote the original series, which began in the 1970s, and has now written The Legacy of Reginald Perrin (BBCl). Is a sequel a wise move?

Often as not, not. But this series shows real promise. Perrin is now truly dead and the first episode concerns his funeral and the reading of the will (the gravestone shows Perrin's full initials as RIP).

Geoffrey Palmer, who had a smaller role 20 years ago.

I shall not bother you with sample jokes: the strength of Nobbs is that his humour is contextual. But the condition in Perrin's will which stipulates that the beneficiaries receive more than 11 million each on condition that they regularly do something absurd promises a wealth of material, including Palmer in drag.

nd so to the second episode of Rhodes (BBC). last night). My colleague Lynne Truss did not go a bundle on episode one last week, bringing mutterings from the BBC which add up to: honestly, women. This response is sexist, although the story of the man who opened up southern Africa undoubtedly has a Boy's Own feel to it.

However, I reckon to have as

are in the cast, which is now led by next, er, man, but I cannot connect with Rhodes. Yes, it is beautifully photographed and well written, and certainly Rhodes is a half-forgotten hero of the old school, who deserves a lavish series.

The second episode was meatier than the first but I remain at a loss to care what happens. The piece seems bloodless, as if the life had been crafted out of it. I want this kind of series to succeed because, in the old cliche, this is what the BBC is all about, this is what it does best.

But this is not the best the BBC can do. As if the pace were not slow enough, we have Frances Barber asked to play the ludicrous Prin-cess Radziwill, used as a device to prompt Martin Shaw as Rhodes to rell his own story. I'm afraid it doesn't work. Honestly, men.

■ Lynne Truss will appear tomorrow

6.00am Business Breakfast (83526)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (14656) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (8226033) 9.20 Style Challenge (s) (9954287) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1931033) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (83101) 11.00 News and weather (4220965) 11.05 Perry Mason (Ceelax) (s). Includes News at midday (36532675) 12.45pm Blooming Lovely (r)

1.00 News and weather (Ceelax) (17743) 1.30 Regional News and weather (45973743) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (32241762) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6816255) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1445033) 3.00 Who'll Do

the Pudding? (s) (9781) 3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (s) (8306675) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (s)

4.10 Ace Venture: Pet Detective.
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4.35 Record Breakers (Ceefax) (s) (4459410) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (7549526) 5.10 Blue Peter (Cesiax) (s) (2252385) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (500149) 6.00 News and weather (Ceelax) (149) 6.30 Regional news magazines (101)

7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmond continues his search for the Telly Addicts champions of 1996 (Ceetax) (s) (1762) 7.30 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson introduces the second semi-final from

Blackpool (Ceelax) (s) (385) 8.00 EastEnders. Phil returns to the Square from Scotland to a rather lukewarm reception. Cindy has a trustrating day without David (Ceefax) (s) (1110)

8.30 X Cars. PCs Steve Mann and Paul Philbin are on the trail of the professional car thieves who can disguise a stolen car's identity in a matter of hours — a practice know as ringing (Ceelax) (s) (6217)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; regional news and weather (Ceetax) (4205)

 9.30 Panorama: Children Behaving Badly. Nursery delinquents (Ceatax) (802304) 10.10 Chicago Hope: Rise from the Dead. Hospital administrator Alan Birch and chief of starf Dr Phillip Watters are placed in a difficult position when the distraught impossible. Starring Hector Elizondo and Peter Macricol (Ceelax) (s) (644728)

10.55 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Reviews of some of the week's new releases, including Last Man Standing, starring Bruce Willis: Multiplicity, starring Michael keaton in a variety of guises; and Jan Eyre, the classic story, with William Hurt and Charlotte Gainsbourg. Kate Winslet and director Michael Winterbottom talk about the making of Jude (Ceefax) (s)

11.25 FILM: Go Tell the Spartans (1978) Combal adviser Burt Lancaster, a veteran of three wars, joins a solitary American corporal in an attempt to rescue a group of Vietnamese militia surrounded by the Vietcong Directed by Ted Post (Ceelax)

1,15-1.20am Weather (2151502)

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9.00 Daytime on Two: TV6 (92859) 9.30 Cosmo and Dibs in Punjabi (8361439) 9.40 Megamaths (2272255) 10.00 Playdays (16697) 10.30 Hotch Potch House (1366762) 10.50 Look and Read (1386526) 11.10 Zig Zag: Food and Farming (8016007) 11.30 Ghostwriter (9762) 12.00 GNVQ (29633) 12.30pm Working Lunch (33694) 1,00 History File (73687439) 1.20 Spanish Globo (63179781) 1.25 Landmarks (73666946)

1.45 Storytime (45983120) 2.00 King Green-fingers (23133435) 2.06 Tales of Aesop (24583976)

2.10 Liberal Democrat Conference. Live coverage from Brighton (s) (532052) 3.55 News (Ceelax) and weather (4459762) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (994) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (526) 5.00 Esther (s) (9168) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (878) 6.00 UFO (r) (Ceetax) (s) (968526)

6.45 Conference Talk. Andrew Neil with a live phone-in programme involving the politicians making the news, Plus a report from the Liberal Democrat conference in Brighton (s) (633007)

7.30 Portuguese Grand Prix. Highlights of yesterday's race in Estorii (r) (959502) 8.05 People's Century: 1948 Boom Time The story of postwar recovery is told by families who put the privations and hardships of 1945 behind them and enjoyed a prosperity that had previously seemed unattainable (r) (Ceetax) (s)



Heart surgeon Donald Ross (9pm)

9.00 Ploneers: An Affair of the Heart. Heart surgeon Donaid Ross recalls the excitement and sadne of the "cardiac revolution", (Cestax) (s)

9.30 Sykes. Vintage comedy starring Eric Sykes, Hattle Jacques, Jimmy Edwards and Graham Stark (r). (Ceetsu) (13830) 10.00 Game On. Mandy's calibacy is put to the test. Starring Matthew Cottle, Samantha test. Starring Matthew Cottle, Samantha Janus, Neil Stuke and Tracy Keating (Ceetax) (s) (79192)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceetax) (674878) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show. Salirica comedy series set on an American television talk show. Starring Garry Shandling. (Ceefax) (s) (596101)

Seinfeld. American comedy 11.40 Seinfeld. Arrendo. (Ceetax) (s) (108120)

12.06am Grace Under Fire, American sit-com 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Cutting Edge: Inheritance

Channel 4, 9.00pm Not only can you not take it with you, you can't be sure you are leaving it safely either. Through legal loopholes, inheritors are losing their expected windfalls to virtual strangers. Complete with curling smoke, steaming coffee mug and open laptop, journalist Tom Tanner plays the sleuth by investigating the activities of Sybil Dreda-Owen. Along with her daughter, she has benefited from the will of benefited from the wills of a succession of elderly, lonely gentlemen living in Hampstead. It sounds like something out of a crime novel. Walter Joslin's will was commonly known to benefit his local church and his only relative, his nephew. But ten days after Joslin's funeral twhich she neither arranged nor attended) Dreda-Owen appeared with a simple, handwritten scrap of paper claiming it to be his last will. She was named his executrix and her daughter his sole heir. The only witness to the truth is dead and dead men don't tell tales.

Pioneers: An Affair of the Heart BBC2, 9.00pm

Heart surgery is as old as the NHS itself. Since 1948 It has undergone radical changes employing ever more complex procedures and innovations. Donald Ross was not only a witness to those changes but made some of them himself. He carried out the first successful operation on a hole-in-the-heart child less than a year old in 1962 and is best known for his work on replacement heart valves. In the 1960s he built up the National Heart Hospital into an international centre and was part of the first British attempts at transplants. It is strange that a man who regularly spends hours up to his elbows in viscers is squeamish when it comes to accident scenes. For the viewer the sight of the exposed beating human heart might produce a similar reaction.

Homicide: Life on the Street Channel 4, 10,000m

Homicide tends to get lumped in with those other fine examples of American dramas. VYPD Blue and ER. True, it has th signature hand-held cameras, jump cuts and double takes that create that flashy pace. But unlike them it is not the bastard son of Steven Bochco's Hill Street Blues. Instead. producer Barry Levinson, the film director responsible for movies like Tin Men and Diner, where the action was secondary to the fat-chewing philosophising of ordinary guys on extraordinary jobs. Tonight's episode is a prime example. Faced with a thrill killer on nis way up from Florida on the interstate, the cops talk about anything from giving up smoking to what kind of mind could kill with such random abandon. The unnecessary twist at the end is the only thing that lets

BBC2. 11.40pm A (literally) fleshy offering from the US sit-com starring stand-up comedian Jerry Seinfeld as a stand-up comedian called Jer Seinfeld. The action centres around the local dated Sidra, a gorgeous woman played by Teri Hatcher (Lois Lane of the New Adventures of Superman) and much is made of the Superman connection and Hatcher's sex symbol status. Apparently Sidra's figure is subject to much discussion: is it natural or due to breast implants? And how does Seinfeld go about finding out the flesh from the fake, the truth from the fakies? Meanwhile, loopy Kramer believes he has spotted Salman Rushdie sweating it out in the local sauna.

Frances Lass

6.00am GMTV (32633)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (8304548) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3431149) 10.00 The Time ... the Place (95033) 10.30 This

Morning (42943014) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7814588) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (2911323) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (996014) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (3706110) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (97502410) 2.25 Quisine (Teletext) (s) (97598217) 2.50 Garden

3.20 News (Teletext) (7624694) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7623965)

3.30 Tots TV Classics (6801897) 3.40 The Slow Norris (4039033) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Glants (6872385) 4.06 Sooty and Co (7247507) 4.25 Scooby Doo (Teletext) (7256255) 4.50 How 2 (Teletext) (7705656)

5.10 Bruce's Price is Right (s) (8122520) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (270252) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (599694) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (683507) 6.50 Let's Go (162994)

7.00 The List (6830) 7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (Teletext) (6830)



Sherrie Hewson as Maureen (7,30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Andy is concerned about his father's excessive drinking (Teletext) (781)

8,00 World in Astion exposes a legal loop-hole, that allows thieves to sell stolen cars to the public (Teletext) (s) (2878) 8.30 The Upper Hand. Charlie dashes to Paris to save his daughter's marriage (Teletext) (s) (1385)

9.00 FILM: The Assessin (1993). Bridget Fonds plays a drug-taking police killer who is sentenced to death by lethal injection but then her life is spared and she is trained to become a government assassin. Also starring Gabriel Byrne, Dermot Mulroney and Anne Bancroft. Directed by John Bedham. Continued after the news (Teletext) (s) (3694)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (79138) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (882410) 10.40 The Assassin, Concludes (867491)

11.40 FILM: Blue Bayou (1989) with Mario Van Peebles, Altre Woodard and Elizabeth begins to suspect that her boss's wife is involved a socialite's murder. Directed by Karen Arthur (s) (719323)

1.30 Bushell on the Box (s) (11724) 2.00 The Crime Hour (36298) 3.00 The Big Match — Replayed (r) (1625618) 3.40 Coach (s) (49768095) 4.05 Jones and Jury (5) (80929540) 4.30 The Time the Place (r) (s) (86540) 5.00 The

5.30 ITN Morning News (95095)

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12.55 Coronation Street (2996014) 1.25-1.55 Quisine (68853217) 1.55 Home and Away (61949205) 2.25 The Body — a Usar's Guide (97512897) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1450965) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8122520) 6.00 Westcountry Live (45439)

7.00-7.30 Bruce's Price Is Right (6830) CENTRAL

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1.25 Quisine (68853217) 1.55 A Country Practice (32255965) 2.20 Blue Heelers (7351878)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8122520) 6.25 Central News and Weather (757507) 7.00-7.30 Bruce's Price is Right (6830) 11.40 Bagdad Cafe (852439)

12.10am Beyond Reality (6469095) 12.45 Nationwide Football League Extra (1398811)

1.30 The Crime Hour (10347) 2.30 Jones and Jury (7349960) 2.50 Film: Pit of Darkness (6718705)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55 Quisine. Cookery quiz with Chris Kelly (2996014)

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5.10 Home and Away (8122520) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (217) 6.30 Spirit of the South: Fat Man of Kent

7.00-7.30 Bruce's Price is Right (6830) 5.00am Freescreen (39144)

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1.55 FILM: The Pickwick Papers (b/w, 1952) with James Hayter, Kathleen Harrison and Donald Wolfit. Screen adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel, written and directed by Noel Langley (49210255)

4.00 Fifteen to One (s) (Ceefax) (410) 4.30 Countdown (Ceefax) (s) (694) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (s) (Ceefax)

5.45 Travelog Treks: Istanbul (390859) 6.00 The Cosby Show, Cliff and Clair await the visit of two of their oldest triends (859)



Four go med in Ibiza (6.30pm)

6,30 Hollycaks. Tony, Kurt, Jambo and Bazz prepare for their holiday in Ibiza (Teletext) (s) (439) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (5052)

8.00 Little Killers: Cat's Kin. The feral bie of the African wildcat, highlighting some unnerving links between its untarned existence and that of the domestic pet cat

8.30 Strictly Denoing: Tango. Last in the series looking at the fun of social dancing, this programme explores the sensual Argentine lango, more subtle than its ballmorn cousin: the simple sequence of steps is easy to master (6/6)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Inheritance (Teletext) (s) (1236) 10.00 Homicide — Life on the Street: The Thrill of the Kill

(s) (Ceelax) (4323) 11,00 The American Football Big Match. Gary Imlach introduces action from the Dallas Cowboys v Buffalo Bills and the Tampa Bay Rowdies v Seattle Seahawks (493120)

12.20am Transworld Sport (r) (9464960) 1.20 Let the Blood Run Free (r) (s) (8177989) 1.50 FILM: Our Mother's House (1967) with Dirk Bogarde, Yootha Joyce and Mark Lester. Macabre drama about seven children who conceal their mother's death by burying her in the garden of their

suburban Victorian house. Then Bogarde

turns up, claiming he is their father. Directed by Jack Clayton (556960), Ends at 3.40 4.00-5.00 Schools: Chriche Ceol is Canan

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SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Gay Divorcee (1934) (34781) 8.00 Danny (1979) (38762) 10.00 The Runger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995) (59656) 12.00 Kiden (1984) (2885) 2.00pm Another Stateout (1993) (10781) 4.00 Challenge to Be Tree (1972) (1993) (97502) 10.00 Solitaire for 2 (1994) (416439) 11.50 Serial Mom (1994) (201502) 1.25em Against Their Will (1994) (759095) 3.00 Behrayel of the Dove (1992) (70144) 4.30-6.00 The Longahot (1998) (23429)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Trail of the Lonescene Pine (1936) (14472) 2.00pm The Mountain (1955) (92323) 4.00 Love is a Many-spiendored Thing (1955) (3327) 6.00 The See Wolvee (1960) (89859) 8.00 Foot-loose (1964) (84304) 10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984) (836304) 11.40 Rumble Fish (1963) (232326) 1.15am Doctor Detroit (1979) (777521) 4.35-6.00 Worf a Live Tiggrey (1977) (777521) 4.35-6.00 Worf a Live Tiggrey (1978) (1977521) 4.35-6.00 at's Up, Tiger Lily? (1965) (1627589) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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EUROSPORT 7.30mm Cycling (11507) 8.00 International Motorsports Report (14678) 9.00 Sportscar (61014) 11.00 Formula 1 (41985) 12.30pm Sidecar (32217) 1.30 Advanture (40033) 2.00 Cycling (93472) 3.30 Mourtainblike (5878) 4.80 Motorcycling (23781) 5.00 Formula 1 (23526) 6.30 Truck Racing (5314) 7.00 Speechword (12298) 9.0 Truck rormuta 1 (23525) 6.35 Truck Racing (5014) 7.00 Speedworld (12236) 9.00 Truck Racing (57236) 10.00 Footbal (5023) 11.00 Eurogoli Magazine (84520) 12.00-12.30am Cycling (76908) SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gaette World Sport Special (84584) 7.30 Watersports World (71507) 8.30 Racing News (24507) 9.00 Drag Racing (15859) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (52678) 10.00 Speedway (183007) 12.30pm Ford Football Special (430192) 3.30 Sestebbal (72236) 5.29 Sports Centre (1736149) 6.30 World of Speed and Beauty (2781) 6.00 Sports Centre (9894) 6.30 Terten Edita (9566) 7.00 Ford Monday Night Football, Wimbledon Vs Southempton — Live (60136491) 10.16 Sports Centre (915946) 10.45 Terten Edita (9164840) 11.45 Ford Monday Night Football (34820) 11.45 Ford Monday Night Football (34820) 11.45 Ford Monday Night Football (348217) 1.45-2.15 Sports Centre (369182)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 ASP Surfing (77147410) 1.00pm Golf USA: BC Open (24294781) 3.30 Football League (2422946) 8.00 Windsurfing (1660523) 6.30 Rebel Sports (16937675) 7.00 Sports Centre (66330120) 7.30 World Motor Sport (80687101) 10.30 Windsurfing (21202859) 11.00 Rebel Sports (52278235) 11.30-12.00 Sports Centre (56720753) THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Voice of Faith 5.00 Voice of Victory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 General Christian Entertainment 6.15 Word SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (6874033) 7.55 As the World Turns (8395439) 8.50 Peyton Plant (1984223) 9.20 Peys of Cha Lives

James Cagney in Angels with Dirty Faces (9.00pm, TNT)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00mm Boomerang (6569)20) 11.30 America's Great Outdoors (3182149) 12.30pm Bruce & Bob Eat America (792758B) 1.00 Celaway (4082014) 1.30 Great Escapes (7926859) 2.00 Trassde — Make Your Own Adventure (5432304) 2.30 5451439) 3,30-4.00 Around the in 30 Minutes

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Biography (6550472) 6.00 Modern Marvets (5435491) 8.00 The Life and Times of Lord Mountbetten (7835507) 7,00-8.00 Biography (8774149) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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Cryptkeeper (7859) 4.30 Rugrats (8698385) 4.45 Doug (8625168) 5.00 Sister Stater (4410) 5.30 The Adventures of Pete and Pete (4633) 6.00 Space Cases (7236) 6.30-7.00 Are You Alraid of the Dark? (8588) DISCOVERY

4.00pm Shipwreck (4656878) 5.00 Time Travellers (4279385) 5.30 Jurasaica (2447168) 5.00 Beyond 2000 (5409439) 7.00 Brds from Another Time (4299149) 7.30 Mysterous Forces Beyond (2424217) 8.30 Crocode Humers (4287304) 8.00 The Traveura of San Diego (5511884) 1.0.00 Treasure of San Diego (5511694) 10.00 Supership (5514781) 11.00-12.00 Justice Files (4578101)

BRAVO 12.00 Fantasy Island (5490781) 1.00pm Remington Steele (5476101) 2.00 The New Avengers (2807033) 3.00 Land of the Gents (5464997) 4.00 FILM: The Lady and the Highwayman (4298410) 6.00 Thunder-brds (5496865) 7.00 Monkey (551928) 8.00 Randell and Hopkits (Deceased) (5595656) 9.00 Starsky and Hutch (5608230) 40 00187 No. 551 No. (\$608120) 10.00-12.00 Fit.M; Porky's PARAMOUNT

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Former rail director paid £4m for eight days' work

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER British Rail director has made one of the most spectacular financial returns in commercial history with a £4 million windfall profit for just eight days' work with a privatised rail

company.
Peter Watson, who was British Rail's technical director in the early 1990s, made the equivalent of £500,000 for each day he was

contracted to work during his eight months as the part-time, nonexecutive chairman of the

Porterbrook train leasing company. He invested £25,000 of his own money in shares in the company when it was sold to a management buyout team last December and attended board meetings once a

The investment was worth more than £4 million when the company was bought for £825 million by Stagecoach, the bus and rail company, in August, eight months after it was privatised.

Watson's profit per day worked dwarfs the £2,000 daily rate charged by a top London barrister or the £25,000 a week earned by

Formally I had a contract for a day a month with the company. I did a little bit more than that for them but I don't want to go into that," said Dr Watson, 52, who stepped down as chairman earlier

Andrew Smith, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said the size of the windfall exposed Government hypocrisy over pledges to curb "fat cat" excesses during the rail sell-off.

"It is another Tory lie when Brian Mawhinney said in 1995 that he was looking at the issue of executive remuneration during rail privatisa-tion," he said. "When Porterbrook's chairman walks away with £500,000 for a day's work it is a boardroom bonanza in the extreme. Dr Watson's £4 million windfall

goes to show the Tories are guilty of selling short our national assets."

Porterbrook is one of three train

leasing companies that together own the 16,000 former British Railway fleet of trains and carriages sold by the Government last November for £1.8 billion. It leases 3.774 trains and carriages to 16 rail

operating companies.

Dr Watson, who was the Technical Director of British Rail between 1991 and 1994, is now chief executive of AEA Technology, the science and research arm of the Atomic Energy Authority, which is being prepared for a £200 million flotation later this

Dr Watson has pledged that no "fat car" windfall gains will be made by AEA Technology's directors through the flotation, a commitment that has impressed few in the rail

industry.
"Why should he worry about his next fortune when he can say 'here's one I made earlier," said one industry source.

Norwich decides on £4bn flotation

with Ais

BY LINDSAY COOK

NORWICH UNION will formally announce in the next two weeks that it is to float on the Stock Exchange next summer and give bonuses averaging £700 to its three million with-profits policyholders.

The UK's second biggest mutual insurance company plans to be the first to come to the stock market. But before the conversion can go ahead policyholders must vote at an extraordinary meeting to be held in London in the spring. The insurer has to find a venue large enough to hold tens of thousands of policyholders and is likely to choose London Arena, although two other venues are understood to be in negotiation.

The flotation, which will value the insurer at around E4 billion, will allow Norwich Union to raise extra capital to take part in the widespread consolidation in the financial services industry.

The bonus payments are expected to be paid in shares and would be in line with the amounts paid by building societies to their members.

The announcement will come almost exactly one year after rumours began circulating in the City that the Norwich was planning to

convert. At the time the insurer confirmed that it was studying the possibility of demutualisation and flotation and that the board had come to the preliminary view that "this course of action would produce significant benefits to members of The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society and assist the overall development of Norwich Union".

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However. Norwich Union known to want a tight schedule in order to avoid large numbers of policyholders feeling that they have lost out on a bonus because their policies mature between the icement and actua conversion.

The conversion date is likely to be in June, the minimum time needed to undertake it. The Halifax Building Society announced its plans to convert in November 1994 and will become a bank next year.

The first official notification to the policyholders will be a letter explaining the strategy and the need for change from Allan Bridgewater, the chief

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Clarke looks to defy George on rate increase

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

because of the risk that strong

consumer demand could lead

to a build-up of inflationary pressures. The Chancellor as-

sured the Governor that he

would be prepared to raise

rates if necessary but only

when he perceived inflation-

ary pressures. He argued that

there was no evidence of this

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chief economist at First Nat-

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Rise forecast for US

KENNETH CLARKE, the current 5.75 per cent until after Chancellor, seems certain to resist Eddie George's call for higher interest rates when he meets the Governor of the Bank of England today, widening the rift between the Treasury and the Bank over monetary policy.

Growing evidence that the consumer side of the economy is strengthening — including strong retail sales and money supply figures — appears to virtually rule out a further cut in interest rates. But the markets also believe that Mr Clarke will continue to refuse to raise rates before the election.

A poll of 20 economists by Reuters on Friday showed that not one thought there was a chance of a rate change at the

BY OLIVER AUGUST

THE US Federal Reserve

ing interest rates for the first

time in 18 months, analysts

A slim majority of econo-

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will out to raise short-term

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growth is accelerating, economists said that it is still not the election. The meeting is scheduled to begin early this afternoon so, strong enough for there to be any urgency about raising rates, particularly if inflation if there was any decision to

change rates, this would not be signalled until tomorrow Philip Shaw, chief economist at Union Discount, sugmorning when the Bank operates in the money markets. sted that the Chancellor's The minutes of the July 30 dilemma would only become monetary meeting, published acute if growth started to grow last week, showed that Mr by around 1 per cent a quarter. In the second quarter, growth George would prefer to see rates raised to 6 per cent

was only 0.4 per cent.

Mr Shaw said: "Should growth begin to challenge the per cent a quarter level, the Chancellor has a dilemma on his hands. He would undoubtedly wish to avoid raising rates ahead of a general election for political reasons.

"But such a stance would be increasingly difficult to justify, especially if the election takes

place as late as May."

Spending with credit and debit cards broke through the £7 billion mark in August, a 27 per cent rise on August 1995, according to the Credit Card Research Group. Debit card spending was up 37 per cent billion, while credit card spending jumped 21 per cent

to more than £4 billion. The Credit Card Research Group said that these larger than usual year-on-year rises were partly because of weakness in August 1995, and partly because of summer sales this year in which consumers funded 30 per cent of their purchases on plastic.

Economic outlook, page 43 | Lloyd's from collapse. Ron



Water power. National Grid fended off a brush with the law to win the Ellis and Buckle Industry Sailing Masters Trophy yesterday. The yacht, which was rammed by the Law Society's entry, beat Deloitte & Touche into second place

Lloyd's bonuses enrage names

LLOYD'S names yesterday vented their anger at the £400,000 bonus for David Rowland, the Lloyd's chairman.

Mr Rowland and other senior executives are to receive large bonuses as a reward for the successful conclusion of the controversial £3.2 billion reform programme, which is widely seen to have saved

'for commercial reasons". An

LT spokesman claimed IBM's

US parent company had con-

cluded that the rate of return

The withdrawal of the three

bidders, which had been se-

lected after a year-long tender-

ing process, is another blow

for the Government's efforts to

bring private capital into the public sector through competi-

tive bids. There have been

complaints that the PFI pro-

gramme's tendering process is

too costly and lengthy, prompting suppliers to back

off from bids they do not

believe they have a strong

LT said it will now evaluate

the sole bid against the cost of

a traditional publicly funded

purchase. A decision on

whether to go ahead is expected at the end of the year.

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chance of winning.

was too low.

utive, is to receive a bonus of £100,000.

The bonus payments were not disclosed in documents related to the reform package but will be declared in the next Lloyd's annual report. Mr Rowland's basic salary is £500,000, while Mr Sandler receives £250,000.

The bonuses were criticised by Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Association Working sands of names who accepted the settlement offer under duress in what was a fudged deal without honesty or credit will find the bonuses totally unacceptable."

A Lloyd's spokesman re-sponded by saying: The bonus for Mr Rowland is in recognition of the central role he played in saving Lloyd's. He made a lot of personal sacrifices. Six months ago most observers thought imachieved." The bonuses were recom-

mended by the Lloyd's remuneration committee and accepted by the Council, of which names' representatives are members. Mr Rowland is said to have refused pay increases and bonuses since he joined Lloyd's in 1993 because he thought them inappropriate until the insurance market's problems had been

Bidders desert LT ticketing project

By KEITH RODGERS IBM, also decided not to bid

THE Government's Private Finance Initiative (PFI) has run into further problems after three out of four shortlisted bidders pulled out of a massive project to redevelop London Transport's ticketing operations.

Their decision means that the sole bidder for the contract, valued at hundreds of millions of pounds, is a con-sortium consisting of ICL, the computer company; EDS, the US computer services supplier; Cubic Corporation and WS Atkins Consultants. The LT scheme, dubbed

Prestige, is designed to replace bus and Underground tickets contactless "smart cards". The aim is to speed up ticket sales, cut fraud and improve information about customer travel patterns.

LT had invited four consortia to bid by September 13, with the winner sharing the risks of the project under the PFI programme. However, it emerged this weekend that a consortium led by BT pulled out a week before the deadline. According to London Transport. BT had decided that other projects competing for its capital had a stronger case.

consortium led by Olivetti, the Italian-owned computer manufacturer, had already withdrawn because it did not want to commit the resources to submitting a bid based on LT's specifications, preferring to put in a "variable" proposal with its own amendments. The group had included Andersen Consulting, SBC Warburg, Citibank International. KPMG Corporate Finance and National Express.

IR to hear Nissan UK tax appeal

A corporation tax appeal from Octav Botnar, the exiled former head of Nissan UK, is expected to be heard early next month.

But the Inland Revenue emphasised yesterday that there was still a warrant for the arrest of Mr Botnar, 82, whose car importing business was raided by tax officials five years ago, and he would be seized if he returned to Britain from Switzerland.

Mr Botnar is said to have won fights with the Revenue over personal taxation and made progress over £250 million corporation tax for Nissan UK. He is expected to offer video evidence in the appeal for his former company.

SFO to act

The Serious Fraud Office is expected to launch a formal investigation this week into Peter Young, the fund manager dismissed by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell for gross misconduct last week.

The SFO has been in daily contact with the Investme Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) since September 2, when Mr Young was suspended and an investigation launched into three trusts managed by Morgan Gren-fell. Imro is conducting its

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